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Day of Action

Student demonstrators gather in Centennial Square for the Jan. 28 National Day of Action protest against student debt. After a speech by UVSS Director of Finance Rob Fleming, students began a march to the Legislature Building. The procession numbered about 3,000 and spanned a full city block as they marched.

Martlet photo by Peter Booth

Released tapes prompt privacy debate

by Patti Edgar

The release of two audio tapes has called into question the confidentiality of UVic's anti-harassment procedures.

In December, B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner David Flaherty ordered UVic to release an edited copy of recordings made during an October 1996 harassment hearing to the hearing's participants. UVic released the tapes on Jan. 20, despite concerns by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance (LGBA) and UVic's harassment officer that the release of the tapes violated the confidentiality of the participants.

The order follows a Freedom of Information (FOI) request by Kathleen Westergaard, one of three UVic students accused of harassment in 1995 by three members of the LGBA. Westergaard and the other two students were acquitted after the hearing.

John Trueman, spokesperson for the LGBA, said the release of the tapes was a violation of personal privacy and a breach of confidentiality.

"We only participated (in the hearing) because we thought it was confidential," he said.

Trueman said he's concerned personal information contained in the tapes about the LGBA members involved in the case will be released to the public by Westergaard and "dragged through the mud".

Westergaard gained notoriety on campus after filing a harassment charge of her own against the Women's Studies Department for a course that held an exercise known as the "lesbian walk". The LGBA and two individual students filed charges against Westergaard soon after the anti-harassment office determined her complaint did not constitute sexual harassment.

According to Trueman, the LGBA members involved feel betrayed.

"This questions how seriously the university takes the harassment policy because they haven't done everything possible to protect the identity, the personal information and safety of the people who participated in the inquiry," he said.

Susan Shaw, director of UVic's anti-harassment office, which handled the hearing and recorded the proceedings, said she understands this sense of betrayal felt by the LGBA members.

She said the blanket policy used by the freedom of information commissioner for public institutions doesn't consider special circumstances of cases like this one.

People accessing offices in public bodies such as the anti-harassment office, the counselling office and health services expect a greater degree of privacy, Shaw argued.

"They're treating these offices like they would treat any other office."

She's said she is also concerned the freedom of information act doesn't recognize privacy issues of marginalized groups.

"In this office we deal with human rights issues and people who fall within these protected groups–whether that's gays, lesbians, bisexuals, or it might be disabled or visible minorities," said Shaw. "There has to be a deep understanding and appreciation that potential of harm to a person outside those protected groups might be less than the [potential of] harm to those groups."

Flaherty doesn't share all of Trueman and Shaw's concerns. Although Flaherty won't comment on his decision, in a public report he states the release of the edited tapes doesn't violate the participants privacy or confidentiality

Although Flaherty edited "a small amount of sensitive personal information" about the LGBA members' sexual orientation and their employment and educational history, he said the members were already prominent figures "publicly associated with the LGBA as staff, officers and directors."

The release of the tapes doesn't violate confidentiality, said Flaherty in the report, because the tapes are only being released to the participants of the hearing. According to the report, the anti-harassment office lawyer told Westergaard she would be able to obtain a copy of the tape. Flaherty said that suggests the "expectations of confidentiality were not absolute."

The university didn't appeal the FOI decision, despite objections from the LGBA and Shaw.

Shelia Sheldon Collyer, University Secretary and FOI officer, said the release of the tapes to participants is just one more piece of confidential information that parties to a hearing have.

"An appeal at this point would require an error in law by the Information and Privacy Commissioner," she said. "And it was the understanding from our lawyers that there was no error in law in his decision."

In his report, Flaherty calls for the university to "examine the necessity for making audio tapes of proceedings." Sheldon Collyer said it's up to the university's harassment office to review how they handle cases.

Shaw said this was the first hearing to be taped since she became director.

"The issue here was the tapes. What it means essentially is that we have to be very, very cautious about taping."

Meanwhile, Westergaard said she is happy to finally have the tapes in her hands. She says she will distribute the tapes to the ministry of education, the provincial ombudsman, her MLA, the provincial Liberal party, and the Workers Compensation Board.

"[The tapes] prove the university is incredibly corrupt. The way they dealt with me was just mind-blowing," she said. "I think it's important that there be someone who can enforce ethics and ethical behavior at the university and right now, with the people in charge of that behaving in such an unethical manner, there is no one to ensure that this kind of thing doesn't happen again."

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Rheostatics: fame not a priority

Rheostatics' fan base is an unpredictable but dedicated bunch.

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Varsity changes leave v-ball out of CIAU

While students across Canada demonstrated against university funding cuts Wednesday, members of UVic's mens and womens volleyball teams learned that cuts affect more than just academics.

University avoids CUPE strike vote

by Kevin Woodley

The University of Victoria avoided a strike vote originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 27, by reaching a tentative agreement with local 951 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

Now both sides must wait for union members to vote on the tentative deal. The ratification vote takes place on campus between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jan. 29 and union officials expect to have the results before Jan. 30.

Union bargaining officials presented the agreement to the local's 650 members at a Jan. 27 meeting, and are confident the deal will be accepted.

"We have a package we feel comfortable recommending to our membership," said Terry Wiley, deputy chief steward of CUPE local 951, which represents office and technical staff at the university.

Doug Sprenger, local 951 president and a member of the union's bargaining committee, said the new agreement calls for wage increases of two per cent over two years. He added the biggest improvements are in contract language surrounding job security and pay equity.

Sprenger said the university agreed to allocate approximately $1 million to achieving pay equity. And, he said job security has been improved through additions to contract language dealing with layoff protection and severance pay.

"The improvements in pay equity policy means wage improvements for a majority of workers," said Sprenger. "It means equal pay for work of equal value."

But the tentative contract needs more than just the approval of CUPE's membership. University negotiators are waiting for results of the union's ratification vote before taking the tentative agreement to UVic's Board of Governors (BoG) for approval.

Peter Sanderson, UVic's director of human resources and chair of the university bargaining committee, said he was quite satisfied with the terms of the agreement and will recommend acceptance to BoG members.

Sanderson said changes in pay equity resulted from a new job rating system. The new system recognizes clerical jobs–which have historically been undervalued–and was developed jointly by the union and university.

No rebate for UVic students

by Mary Vallis

In British Columbia, students have rights. Or do they?

According to B.C. Supreme Court Justice Ronald Holmes, students have the right to post-secondary education without the threat of rising fees. On Jan. 22, Justice Holmes ruled that UBC owes an estimated 32,500 students nearly $1 million due to ancillary fees imposed on students during the provincial tuition freeze.

"It took a minute to sink in for us to see the court agreed: the university broke the law and raised these fees while the NDP stood by in complicity," said Michael Thoms, a graduate history student who helped launch the Supreme Court case against UBC last August.

For a UBC student with a $2,400 tuition bill, the rebate will total $36. The credit will be deducted from future tuition billings at UBC. Plans to reimburse students who have left the university are still in the works.

The case sets a precedent for all public post-secondary schools in B.C., including UVic, which are protected against increases in tuition through the Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act, more commonly known to students as the "tuition freeze."

But the precedent set may only be symbolic, as the freeze's re-evaluation date is fast approaching. In March, the provincial government will officially decide whether or not to extend the freeze.

For UVic, the ruling gives students the means to question the legality of rising fees on campus. While no plans are in the works at UVic for similar legal action, Rob Fleming, UVSS Director of Finance, said UVic students might prevent future fee increases by referring to the UBC ruling.

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"It seemed to be pretty straightforward that the Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act was designed to freeze ancillary fees as well as tuition," said Fleming.

But according to David Clode, associate director of student and ancillary services at UVic, the university hasn't violated the freeze with any ancillary fees–and has no plans to do so.

"When the Ministry [of Education] sent a letter to the university it was pretty clear what we were allowed to do," said Clode, who said basic inflation and maintenance fees are two increases not covered by the freeze.

"The only thing we've done is created a user fee for the 'world's largest weight room' [Gordon Head gym]."

Clode said the increase doesn't violate the tuition freeze because the new $26.75 gym user fee, implemented last May, is a voluntary fee paid only by some students on campus.

Several other additional student fees have also risen on campus in the last year.

Parking passes have increased $5 over last year's rate. Application fees for undergraduate admission also rose by $5, at a projected revenue increase of $60,000 for the university.

A pay-per-page printing system also found its way into some computer labs on campus.

But whether or not these fee increases fall under the tuition freeze's jurisdiction as ancillary fees is questionable, as they are voluntary fees students agree to pay.

Protest against rising fees at UBC escalated last March, when students occupied former UBC president David Strangway's office for 10 days.

In August, four UBC students requested a judicial review of the university's proposed 310 per cent tuition increase for international students and two ancillary fees implemented after the freeze came into effect in 1996.

While Justice Holmes ruled against the students' claim that UBC unfairly increased international student tuition fees, he agreed that two ancillary fees levied by UBC were in conflict with the provincial tuition freeze, as they effectively raised costs for every student seeking enrollment.

UBC officials claimed they were not breaching the tuition freeze because additional fees like these are not normally classified at "tuition."

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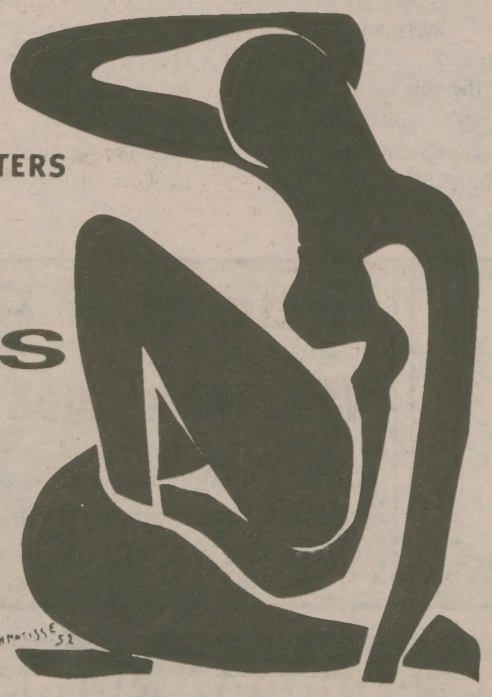

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SUB coffee outlets still serve coffee not designated as "fair trade," despite a UVSS bylaw.

Coffee debate back

by Kirsten Rodenhizer

"If it's a policy, why isn't it being implemented?"

That's the question UVic Students' Society (UVSS) director-at-large Nairn Albrecht asked about SUB fair trade coffee policy at a board of directors meeting Jan 19.

The coffee question came up at the Jan. 19 meeting in conjunction with a discussion of a prelimary agenda for the UVSS Semi-Annual General Meeting (SAGM), scheduled for Feb. 13. The agenda contained a motion that a SUB fair-trade coffee bylaw be struck from UVSS constitution.

The controversial bylaw, introduced in 1995, made it mandatory for SUB coffee outlets to serve only coffee designated as "fair trade." Fair trade products are those that ensure fair wages and working conditions for laborers. The SUB is currently serving some coffee brands not designated as fair trade.

Director-at-large Morgan Stewart proposed the board remove the strike motion from the agenda: "It was a hard-fought for policy," he said. "I think we should... uphold it."

UVSS Director of Finance Rob Fleming said the UVSS should get rid of fair trade coffee policy.

"I want to just junk the policy because we're not following it," he said, adding he doesn't think fair trade coffee policy is a particularly effective method for fighting imperialsim. "I don't understand why [coffee] was chosen as the save-the-world cause of the year," he said.

UVSS Chairperson Theresa Sabourin said she favored keeping the policy, pointing out coffee is the second most traded commodity in the world.

The board voted to take the coffee motion off the SAGM agenda to keep the fair-trade coffee bylaw in effect.

University administration talks cash, cuts and crisis

by Nevin Thompson

UVic students took their concerns about funding cuts to a town-hall style meeting with the university's brass last Friday.

Penny Codding, vice-president academic, John Schofield, dean of the faculty of arts, and John Weaver, dean of the faculty of science fielded questions from students in the Student Union Building Jan. 23.

While all of the administrators were open to questions, a defensive and sometimes flustered Codding received the most attention from an audience of more than 50 students.

"While we want to keep UVic as a comprehensive university, it will be a challenge allocating resources in an era of declining federal and provincial support," said Codding.

"We need to think outside the box," she said, after explaining that the bulk of the university's annual $150 million budget is spent on salaries.

Some students interpreted the comment as a commitment by the administration to either end or radically revise tenured faculty positions.

Students from the geography, Slavonic and environmental studies departments expressed concerns that the faculty of arts as a whole has taken the brunt of budget cuts.

But Codding argues that departments like engineering and commerce have taken higher budget cuts than either geography or environmental studies.

"While we want to keep UVic as a comprehensive university, it will be a challenge allocating resources in an era of declining federal and provincial support."

"Engineering, commerce and the sciences are better positioned given the current climate to receive funding outside university base budgets," said UVic board of governors member and law student Matt Pollard.

Other students questioned the logic of building and staffing a new School of Commerce during a time of decreasing post-secondary funding.

Weaver admitted that while he was responsible for the development of the School of Commerce, the decision was made in the late 1980s.

"Funding for new buildings is allocated in separate budgets which cannot legally be used for anything else," said Codding.

As well, the university receives extra grants from the provincial government when new departments are created, said Codding. These grants help pay for building maintenance and salaries for any newly created positions.

While there was considerable disagreement between students and administrators over the way the university is dealing with the current funding crisis, everyone agreed that ultimately the blame lies with federal and provincial governments.

Administration did, however, refuse to close the university Jan. 28 in solidarity with students rallying against funding cuts to post-secondary education.

"The provincial government does not react to threats," said Codding.

The university Senate passed a motion granting academic concession to students who attend the rally and give their professors prior written warning.

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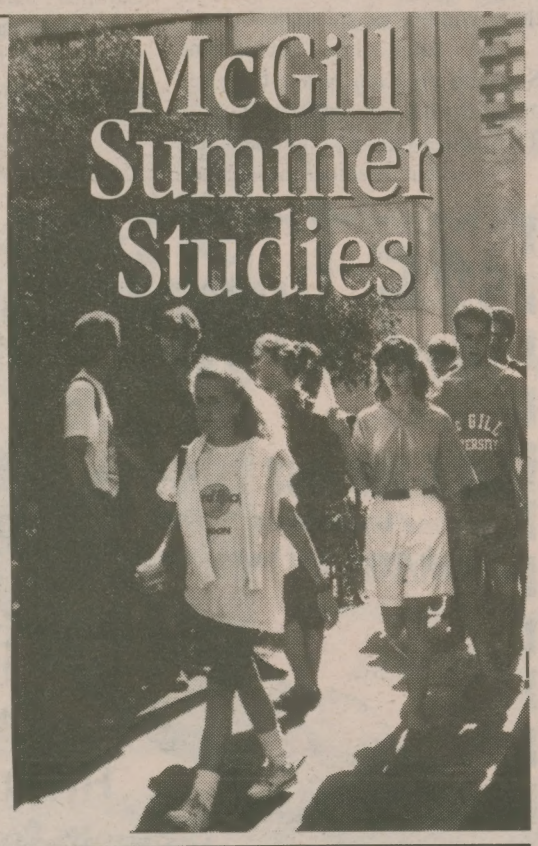

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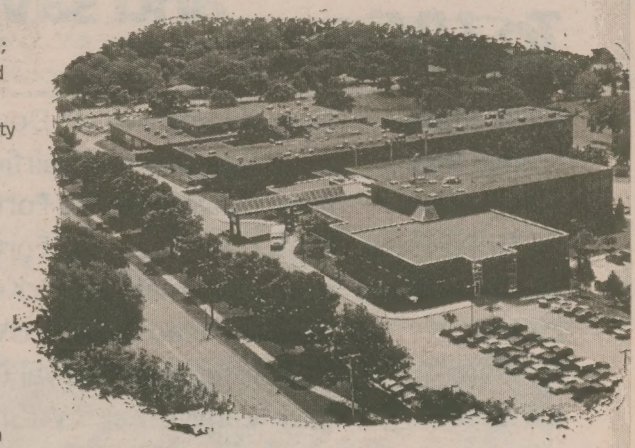

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The truth is in here

The Martlet *celebrated its 50th year of publication in 1997. For the duration of the year, we commemorated the event with a weekly history column. Since we haven't yet reached present day,* Martlet *writers will continue to trace the history of UVic into the 1990s.*

by Lynn MacNaughton

Before 1983, UVic didn't have a sexual harassment policy.

The lack of such a policy became painfully evident in 1983, when four women complained to *the Martlet* about the "inappropriate behavior" of visiting Economics Professor and amateur sculptor Ezra Mishan.

The women, who had answered an ad for models placed by Mishan, alleged he touched them inappropriately during follow-up modelling interviews.

When Mishan's unusual interview techniques were exposed in the March 1983 *Martlet,* university administration supposedly launched an investigation. But UVic President Howard Petch later denied any investigation.

Administration responded by banning Mishan from using his UVic office as a "contact point" for the ads.

The Martlet heard from a social sciences' student who claimed Mishan assaulted her when she was interviewed at his home. She alleged Mishan got her to remove her clothing so that he could measure her. He proceeded to touch her "in an objectionable manner."

An anonymous group circulated posters that demanded Mishan's resignation. The posters claimend he made his models strike obscene or degrading poses.

Mishan did resign from UVic after he was unable to obtain assurances that his name would not appear in future issues of *the Martlet, the Emily* or any other student publication, poster or letter. Petch refused to give such a blanket promise saying he had no authority to do so.

Mishan wanted *the Martlet* to print a letter from him without the paper reviewing it first. When the paper refused, citing legal reasons, Mishan complained he was being censored.

Martlet coverage of the affair drew criticism from some of Mishan's students and assistant economics professor Malcolm Rutherford.

In letters to the editor, some students stated, "far greater injustice had been done towards [Mishan]-by you and your paper than that which may or may not have taken place." Rutherford compared *the Martlet* to *the National Enquirer*.

Others wrote in praise of *the Martlet* for demonstrating "the highest standards of campus investigative journalism." They decried those students who worried their studies might suffer, calling it "a trivial complaint when contrasted with the effect of Dr. Mishan's reported actions have had on the well-being of UVic women."

After Mishan left, UVic began formulating its first policy statement on sexual harassment. One of the reasons cited for doing so was the lack of an official procedure to investigate such complaints.

Women train to fight fires

by Andrea McLagan

A research project is heating up the UVic campus.

UVic's Sport and Fitness Center is wrapping up an experimental training program aimed at giving women a better chance at becoming forest firefighters.

Thirty women participated in an intensive 13 week fitness program in preparation for the test B.C. Forest Services use to screen people who are applying to be forest fire fighters.

"Basically we're trying to determine if women of different fitness levels who train hard can prepare themselves successfully for this test," said Lynneth Wolski, Sport and Fitness Center coordinator.

The test screens applicants for the strength, aerobic fitness and endurance necessary in forest fire fighting.

The strength requirements are harder to meet for women than men, said Wolski, because men naturally have greater upper body strength. And only 50 to 100 new fire fighters are hired each summer.

Approximately 10 per cent of the 800 summer fire fighters in B.C. are women

"We're hoping for a 15 to 20 percent pass rate on the test. I think that would be really good. I don't think we'll be recommending that they change the program. This shows that if women do the training program and train hard, they can do it," said Wolski.

Researchers gave participants, who ranged in age from 19 to 37, an aerobic and weight training program based on the training regimen designed for the forest service by the campus fitness center. The regimen includes shuttle runs, carrying a 65 pound pump, and carrying filled and empty hoses.

Approximately 10 per cent of the 800 summer fire fighters in B.C. are women, but the Forest Service is trying to encourage more women to apply, said Wendy Stewart, spokesperson for the B.C. Forest Service Protection Program.

"We encourage people of all groups to apply, but there are not as many minority groups applying as we'd like to see," Stewart said.

"It used to be that 'girls' didn't fight fires. But with the change in attitude recently, people have started encouraging women to get out there and do it."

Campus security toughens up

by Bryan Dreilich

The UVic campus has stepped up security with two new programs, starting with "Campus Crime Stoppers."

This crime prevention tool–a piggyback program of Victoria Crime Stoppers–will be run by student volunteers.

"The whole idea is to have a program run by the students, for the students," said Bob Elder, a UVic security officer. "Students are going to be on the board of directors and will be running the program."

Elder said the program will make students more aware of their environment.

"It's not meant as a tool to have people narc on each other," he said. "Things like pulling the fire alarm–a lot of people don't realize that's a criminal offense. When people are studying and a couple of people pull the alarm, well that's the sort of thing we're looking at. We're not trying to nab some big-time criminal."

"It's not meant as a tool to have people narc on each other."

Campus Crime Stoppers has already recovered $2000 in properties on campus, and tipsters may qualify for a cash reward.

"Ultimately, it's an excellent way to build a really strong relationship between campus security and the outside community," said Fiona Patton, Security Officer. "We expect people to be the eyes and ears out there, employees and students."

The same type of Crime Stoppers program was established at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) four years ago.

"A recent meeting has shown that crime has gone down 46 per cent on our campus," said Anna-Lisa Jones, safety coordinator at BCIT. Jones said that there has been no abuse of the program, and that some tips have led to arrests.

Campus Alone is another new Campus Security program starting this term at UVic.

"It's encouraging people who are concerned about their personal safety while working alone at night to contact us," said Fiona Patton.

If someone is working alone at night, they can call 721-6683 and give their name, location, and phone number in their building, along with an estimated time of departure. Prior to leaving, the person must call the number again.

"If we don't hear from them, and the time has past and gone, we'll go and check on them and make sure things are all right," said Patton.

An Open House to launch Campus Crime Stoppers and Campus Alone will be held Feb. 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Cadboro Commons room 128A.

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MAI: nighty-night for Canadian democracy?

by Anders Knudsen

The Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), scheduled to be signed in May, will give transnational corporations a blank cheque to pillage Canadian businesses and culture, Council of Canadians Chair Maude Barlow said in a talk at the First United Church Jan. 23.

The MAI was drafted two years ago by the 29-member Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a group of the world's richest countries. The draft allows foreign investors and transnational corporations to operate with greater ease in the global economy.

"This is the culmination of a process and ideology we've been living with."

"Under this agreement, we could not, even for one nanosecond, give any preference to Canadian [businesses]," Barlow said.

The MAI makes it illegal for governments to "discriminate" against foreign companies. As well, the agreement places the provisions of the MAI above any national laws not having to do with national security, law and order, or banking. Plus, the agreement harbors an "Abrogation" provision, which locks governments into the agreement for a minimum of 20 years.

"If you ever had a government with a conscience at the federal level, they could not, under the MAI, curb investments," Barlow said.

In an essay entitled "The MAI and the Threat to Canadian Democracy," Barlow calls the MAI "NAFTA on steroids," because it takes "the worst provisions of that free trade agreement, magnifies them, and applies them to more than two dozen other countries."

Victoria-Hillside MLA Steve Orcherton addressed the packed church before Barlow. He drew criticism from some corners for the NDP's November "kissfest" with APEC leaders.

British Columbia's NDP government is the first provincial government to officially oppose the MAI.

"The MAI is bad news for the people of British Columbia and is bad news for the people of Canada," said Orcherton. "There are those who believe this is a good deal—they are transnational corporations, and the Liberal government in Canada."

The MAI has never been discussed in the House of Commons, or with any provincial government. It has been negotiated largely at OECD meetings, involving Canadian Minister for International Trade Sergio Marchi.

"I have serious concerns about Sergio Marchi," Barlow said. "I don't think he's read [the MAI]."

If trends toward privatization of public institutions continue, and the MAI comes into effect, there will be no way to favor Canadian businesses when, say, the University of Victoria goes up on the auction block.

Maude Barlow, Chair of the Council of Canadians, spoke about the MAI in downtown Victoria Jan. 23.

Barlow pointed to the privatization of the welfare system in Texas. Arms dealer Lockheed-Martin will soon take control of welfare in the state; the only provision being negotiated is whether or not the transnational should be allowed to set eligibility for welfare.

What this shows is the profit-first mentality of the MAI, said Barlow. More insidious, she said, is a provision that allows transnationals to sue governments if they feel their rights are being violated. That means if a corporation is harming the environment, and the government imposes measures to stop them, under the MAI they would legally be allowed to sue.

"There are provisions in here that say you cannot discriminate against a corporation depending on how a product is made," said Barlow.

Barlow said the MAI must be defeated through citizen action. But she warned the MAI is not something new, nor should it be viewed as totally separate from Canada.

British Columbia's NDP government is the first provincial government to officially oppose the MAI.

"This is not, 'We should protect Canada from the big, bad corporations,'" Barlow said. "This is the culmination of a process and ideology we've been living with.

"The MAI in itself is a terrible thing, but it's about something bigger than this. If we defeat the MAI, we're just going to get another monster like it, unless we change the way we live."

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Speaker: Satvinder Basran from the Canadian Farmworkers Union

On the Agenda: Financial Report, Committee Reports, Board Report and the following constitutional changes:

1. Permitting Associate members (non-undergrad students) to have voting privileges and stand for election to the Board of Directors, which includes the following changes:

In Bylaw 1 (Definitions) replace "ordinary member" with "ordinary or associate member" so that the definition of "member" becomes: "'member' means an ordinary or associate member of the Society, in accordance with Bylaw 2."

In Bylaw 1 (Definitions) replace "ordinary member" with "member" so that the following definitions become:

"'Board' means the Board of Directors elected by members."

"'Special Resolution' means a resolution passed in a general meeting by a majority of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of those members of the Society who vote in person."

In Bylaw 2(3)(a), replace the term "ordinary members" with the word "members" so that it reads: "All members shall have voting privileges at general meetings of the Society."

In the following Bylaws, replace "ordinary member" with "member" so that they read:

Bylaw 2(3)(c) "All members shall be eligible to be directors."

Bylaw 4(4) "A referendum shall be binding on the Board where a majority of the votes cast support the referendum and the number of votes cast is equal to or greater than five percent (5%) of the membership by the last day of the referendum.

Bylaw 3(1) "The VIPIRG fee shall be established from time to time by the membership through a referendum."

Bylaw 4(5) "Each member shall be entitled to one vote in a referendum and no proxy voting will be allowed."

Change Bylaw 2(2)(a) to read: "Individuals who are not UVic undergraduate students may become associate members of the Society by paying an annual fee equivalent to that paid by ordinary members. Associate membership may be purchased during the months of January, June, or September."

Remove Bylaw 2(3)(b) which currently reads: "Associate members shall not have voting privileges at general meetings of the Society."

Change bylaw 5(1)(b) to read: "Members of the Society shall elect eight (8) ordinary members to the Board."

Add Bylaw 5(1)(c): "Members of the Society can elect a maximum of two (2) Associate members to the Board."

2. Setting down regulations for the VIPIRG Fee Refund.

In Bylaw 1 (Definitions) "VIPIRG Fee", remove "The agreement between University of Victoria Students Society and the Society" so that it reads: "'VIPIRG Fee' means the fee paid to the Society by students at the University of Victoria."

Change the title of Bylaw 3 from "VIPIRG Fee" to "VIPIRG Fee and Refund Period."

In Bylaw 3(2), remove "in accordance with VIPIRG procedures and Articles 4 and 5 of the agreement between the University of Victoria Students Society and the Society" so that Bylaw 3(2) reads: "Any ordinary member may, upon proof of paying the VIPIRG fee obtain a refund during the refund period."

Add Bylaw 3(3) "Associate members shall not be eligible for a refund of their membership fee."

Add Bylaw 3(4) "The refund period shall be held once per UVic cademic semester within 30 days of the Society's receipt of student fees. The duration of the refund period shall be ten (10) consecutive working days."

Add Bylaw 3(5) "The refund period will be advertised at least seven (7) days before the commencement of said period. Advertising shall consist of:

(a) prominent posting of refund period information as follows:

(i) there must be at least fifty (50) posters posted on UVic campus.

(ii) one poster must be posted in each classroom building.

OR (b) an advertisement in the official student newspaper of at least 1/6 of a page."

3. Process of General Meetings

Change Bylaw 7(3)(d) to read: "The Board shall appoint delegate(s) to facilitate or chair general meetings."

In Bylaw 7(5)(a)(i) remove "Society's newsletter" so the Bylaw will read: "a notice in the official student newspaper."

4. Hiring Policy

Rename Bylaw 10(b) as "Bylaw 10(d)"

Add a new Bylaw 10(b) "Hiring policy for unionized staff shall be in accordance with the applicable collective agreement."

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University accepts smoky donation

by Kip Bonnell

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)–Memorial University is close to reaching the $25 million target set for its largest fundraising endeavour ever, but it's getting there with the help of what some say is tainted money.

Imasco Ltd. of Canada has given Memorial's Opportunity Fund a gift of $200,000. The parent company of well-known firms such as Shoppers Drug Mart and Hardee's restaurants, the Imasco business empire also includes Imperial Tobacco, producer of the DuMaurier and Players cigarette brands.

With a market share of almost two-thirds, Imperial Tobacco is the largest manufacturer of cigarettes and tobacco products in Canada.

And for some people, tobacco money is dirty money.

"We all know the dangers of smoking and we all know what age group the tobacco industry targets... young people," Eric LeGresley of the Non-Smokers Rights Association, an Ottawa-based lobby group, said.

"By accepting this money, Memorial is contributing to a climate of acceptability of these corporations."

Tobacco companies have been coming under increased public scrutiny in the wake of a number of alarming revelations. On Jan. 16, documents came to the media's attention which revealed that Toronto-based RJR-Macdonald Inc., between 1979 and 1987, commissioned market research on teenagers. And on the Jan. 20 edition of the Fifth Estate, it was reported that both RJR-Macdonald and Imperial Tobacco were complicit in the smuggling of cigarettes into Ontario.

Imasco's contribution to the fund, confirmed by company spokesperson Diane Gatineau, was news to Memorial president Art May. But he was quick to point out the benefits of such a large gift.

"We're glad to have the money," he said. "This means we can put it to use with things like scholarships and academic endowments."

Money from the Opportunity Fund will go towards scholarships, a new student centre and an athletic facility at Memorial. The Newfoundland government has agreed to match all campaign contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis, which would potentially push the total to $50 million.

May says the university is not about to make a "value judgement" when it comes to Imasco's association with the tobacco industry.

"There are many things people have objection to," he said. "Smoking is no different.... I don't think I should substitute a personal standard of morality and refuse a sum of money that could do some good."

Imasco has made donations to a number of Canadian universities, ranging from $500 to $1.2 million. This has most recently caused concern at the University of Toronto, which has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations from the company.

Robert Prichard, U of T's president, is a member's of Imasco's Board of Directors. Medical faculty at the university have called on him in the past to resign his directorship.

-With files from David Cochrane and the Varsity

Red Cross low on donations

by Natasha Marsden

The Red Cross needs a shot in the arm.

The organization is hoping high blood donor numbers at a UVic blood donor clinic running Jan. 28-30 in University Centre will compensate for a drop in donations nation-wide.

UVic hosts what has become the Red Cross's largest donor clinic on Vancouver Island two or three times annually. In October, 1997, a scheduled donor clinic collected blood from 423 donors.

Red Cross officials speculate Canada-wide donor shortages may be due to confusion over a turnover of responsibility for blood services from the Red Cross to a government-funded organization.

"The public thinks the Red Cross is already out of the business," said local Red Cross program consultant Jason Austin.

Last October, Justice Horace Krever recommended that a new government-funded organization be set up to handle blood service. Krever was appointed by the Canadian government to review the Red Cross after 1993 reports of possible blood contamination. The Red Cross has been in charge of blood services for more than 50 years.

A transition bureau has been created to help manage the changeover from the Red Cross to the new organization, called

Canada Blood Services.

"Canadians must and will have access to safe and adequate supplies of blood and blood products if and when they need them" said transition bureau director Bernard Doyle. "We believe we can begin restoring public confidence in Canada's blood supply system."

Although transition work is being done on the national level, local Red Cross members are still waiting to be contacted about the change.

"They haven't done much on our level" said Austin. "Making the statement was easy, but the transition is not."

Another problem looms: blood and its components have a limited shelf life, so clinics on Vancouver Island must maintain a constant supply. If donor numbers go down, hospitals may face shortages.

The Red Cross has recently reopened clinics in Kamloops and Prince George. These locations had been closed down earlier because of high costs.

Austin said, "The need for blood is so great we're going back to these communities."

Austin added he's curious to see how past donors respond to the new organization.

"It won't have the years of experience and the reputation that the Red Cross has," he said.

The Red Cross will continue to run clinics throughout 1998.

The transition bureau will receive an $81 million contribution from the federal government. Additional federal funds will go toward research and development but continuing costs will be covered by provincial and territorial governments.

The federal government offered to allow the Red Cross to continue donor recruitment; the organization declined, claiming services should be run by a single entity. However, individual Red Cross staff will likely be recruited by the new agency.

The Red Cross will be set up in the University Centre Jan. 28 to 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Memorial investigates abusive prof

by David Cochrane

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) – A Memorial University professor has been suspended for one month without pay after a university investigation found that he harassed and slandered one of his students.

But Aziz Rahman of the engineering department has appealed the decision and the matter will be heard by an arbitrator before the suspension can be carried out.

A formal complaint was filed against Rahman in August 1996 by Rokonuzzaman, an engineering graduate student. Rokonuzzaman, or Rokon as he is known, accused Rahman of "exploiting his academic, personal and professional life" since 1995 while serving as the student's graduate advisor.

"I was humiliated and I suffered tremendous psychological damage over that," Rokon said.

Rokon came to Canada from Bangladesh in 1993 with the help of the Canadian International Development Agency. He was also on paid leave from the Bangladesh Institute of Technology, where he works as a lecturer.

Shortly after Rokon submitted his master's thesis in the spring of 1995, he said Rahman asked him to paint his house. Rokon refused, citing a medical condition and saying it was improper for a professor to ask students to do domestic work. Rokon said Rahman wouldn't take no for an answer and pressured the graduate student to do chores.

"I realized that as long as I was his graduate student, I would be plagued with a perpetual fear of having to perform domestic chores for him," Rokon wrote in his notice of complaint.

Rokon also accused Rahman of arbitrarily changing the thesis topic he had prepared for his PhD program, as well as providing inaccurate and defamatory information in progress reports to the development agency.

He also said Rahman gave false information to local police when Rokon was being investigated for allegations of spousal abuse during 1996 and 1997. Rokon was later acquitted of all charges.

Rokon's initial request for a full investigation of his complaint was initially denied by Greg Kealey, the dean of graduate studies.

In a letter to Rokon, Kealey said some of Rahman's actions "left themselves open to interpretation" but that he could not find enough confirmation of the complaints to warrant a formal investigation.

Not satisfied with Kealey's response, Rokon wrote to Jaap Tuinman, Memorial's vice-president academic, and asked him to pursue the matter. Last summer Tuinman asked Christine Fagan, a local lawyer, to do an independent investigation of Rokon's complaints.

In November Tuinman wrote to Rokon to tell him Rahman had been suspended for mistreating the student. Tuinman specifically pointed to Rahman's asking Rokon to paint his house, tampering with the student's PhD program, providing incorrect information about Rokon's immigration status, making inaccurate and inflammatory statements to the police and making gratuitous, incorrect and damaging statements about Rokon in reports to the development agency.

"I concluded that Dr. Rahman's attempts to discredit and harm you were a serious abuse of his position as a professor and constituted totally unacceptable conduct," Tuinman wrote in the Nov. 27 letter.

Rahman is refusing to comment on the allegations until after the matter goes to arbitration. He is, however, maintaining his innocence and said he will be cleared of any wrongdoing.

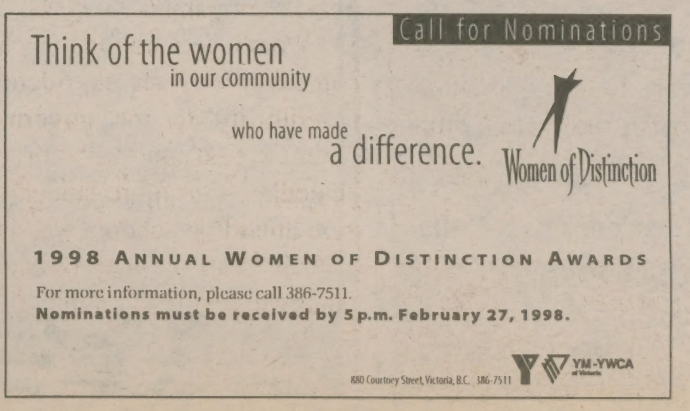
"I have never experienced in my lifetime this sort of a story," Rahman said in an interview. "But it is a part of life working in a university such as Memorial.

"I have done nothing wrong. Nothing."

Rokon disagrees. He said the professor got off easy and should have been suspended for at least a year or even lost his job. He adds that if Rahman doesn't receive a harsher punishment he may take the issue to court. The grad student said he is also considering a civil case against Rahman to get compensation for the damage he said has been done to his reputation.

"I'm not happy with that outcome," Rokon said. "I have gone through this process and I have suffered humiliation and embarrassment."

Rahman has appealed his suspension and the case will go to two separate arbitration hearings. At the first hearing, scheduled for mid-February, Rahman will challenge Tuinman's right to appoint Fagan, a person from outside the university, to do a fact-finding study of an internal complaint. The second hearing, scheduled for March, will challenge the suspension itself.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EDITORIAL

Police accountability and the public

The police are the ones we turn to when we're in trouble; when our stuff is ripped off, when the neighbors are blasting bad music at 3 a.m. on a Wednesday, or any other time our security of person or property is threatened. The image of the tough-but-fair police officer protecting us from harm is fed to us early on, so although we get angry when we receive a speeding ticket or spend the night in the drunk tank, we realize that they are just doing their job, and it's nothing personal.

But where do we turn when the police are the ones who threaten us? What if their actions go beyond impersonal peace-keeping? What if they were to irresponsibly use the power entrusted to them? How do you call the cops on the cops?

Recent events in Victoria have given the perception of increasing police violence. The shooting of a 17-year-old by police last year in Sooke under questionable circumstances shook the community's faith in the ability of the police to maintain the peace.

More recent occurrences have the potential to damage police relations with the public, perhaps irreparably.

According to reports in the Jan. 21 issue of *Victoria News*, police behavior in the violent break up of a party last weekend on Cedar Hill Rd. has led to complaints against at least one Victoria police officer. In the same issue, *Victoria News* photographer Marvin Nehring claims police prevented him from photographing the event, with two officers assigned to making sure he didn't get anything on film.

Also in the news, the *Times-Colonist* reported that a police officer's wife told a Western Communities court that she failed to report her husband's assault against her because she feared a "police brotherhood" would block any attempts to help her.

At the very best, these events have created an image problem. At worst, members of the police force appear accountable only to themselves, with little regard for the public they're sworn to protect.

For many it is only natural to fear the police. They have become a symbol of liberty-depriving authority. Police are expected to recognize this and not misuse their power against regular citizens.

Is police power going unchecked in Victoria? The evidence suggests that it just may be. Their actions in the aftermath of last weekend's events will speak volumes and these actions will speak louder than any public relations department.

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Student Voice

Day of Action has become a memorial

In my four years on campus I have seen many changes, and most weren't for the best.

Three years ago was the first student strike. The federal government was cutting transfer payments, and it looked certain tuition fees would go up. Students across the country left their classes.

In Victoria we assembled on the lawns of the Legislature. On that day the protest meant something. The shock of the action (it truly was "action" that day) and the media coverage it garnered made it a success.

When workers strike they hurt the company they work for whereas by leaving classes students only hurt themselves

This year's protest marks the fourth walkout and the meaning is waning: by holding a protest as an annual event, it ceases to be a "day of action" and becomes the equivalent of a memorial service.

We may as well wear black armbands.

Worse yet, holding such an event only serves to lend credibility to the government position as they calculate that more students are attending schools, yet as far as I can see they protest in fewer and fewer numbers.

Besides, the protest is inherently flawed. A student strike is illogical.

When workers strike they hurt the company they work for, whereas by leaving classes students only hurt themselves. As much as it sometimes appears to be, going to school is NOT a business deal.

I think students would be better served by devising new and creative protests, or by starting with smaller, more attainable goals.

We could fight to remove tax from books or make them tax deductible, form housing co-operatives, and demand smaller class sizes. Or maybe we should be fighting for the even higher ideal that education should be free for everybody and a priority of any country that wishes to be prosperous in the future.

More radically, we could promote the idea that schools in the future should be reorganized to be smaller, less wasteful and administered by the student-users themselves.

For now all I wish to do is urge the UVSS and the student body to regroup.

We need to encourage the masses (including the greater public) to do more than throw Kraft Dinner at politicians once a year. Remember, everyday should be a day of action January 28th...29th...30th...and on.

by Virginia MacLeod

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Quote of the week

"In America, first you get the sugar, then you get the power, then you get the women."
- Homer Simpson

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Angry student fights Ontario government mess-up

by Gene Senior and Jeremy Nelson

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Andrea Bastiuk, like several thousand other Canadian students, received an unwelcome holiday present from the Ontario government.

Opening her mailbox Dec. 23, the University of Manitoba student found a letter from the Ontario Ministry of Education, informing her that her student loan was going to be slashed by more than $1,000.

The letter explained that the government mistakenly calculated her loan based on the cost of living in Ontario—not the cost in the province where she was studying—and because of this had dramatically overestimated the money she was eligible for.

"Somebody has to push, and if I have to be that somebody, then so be it."

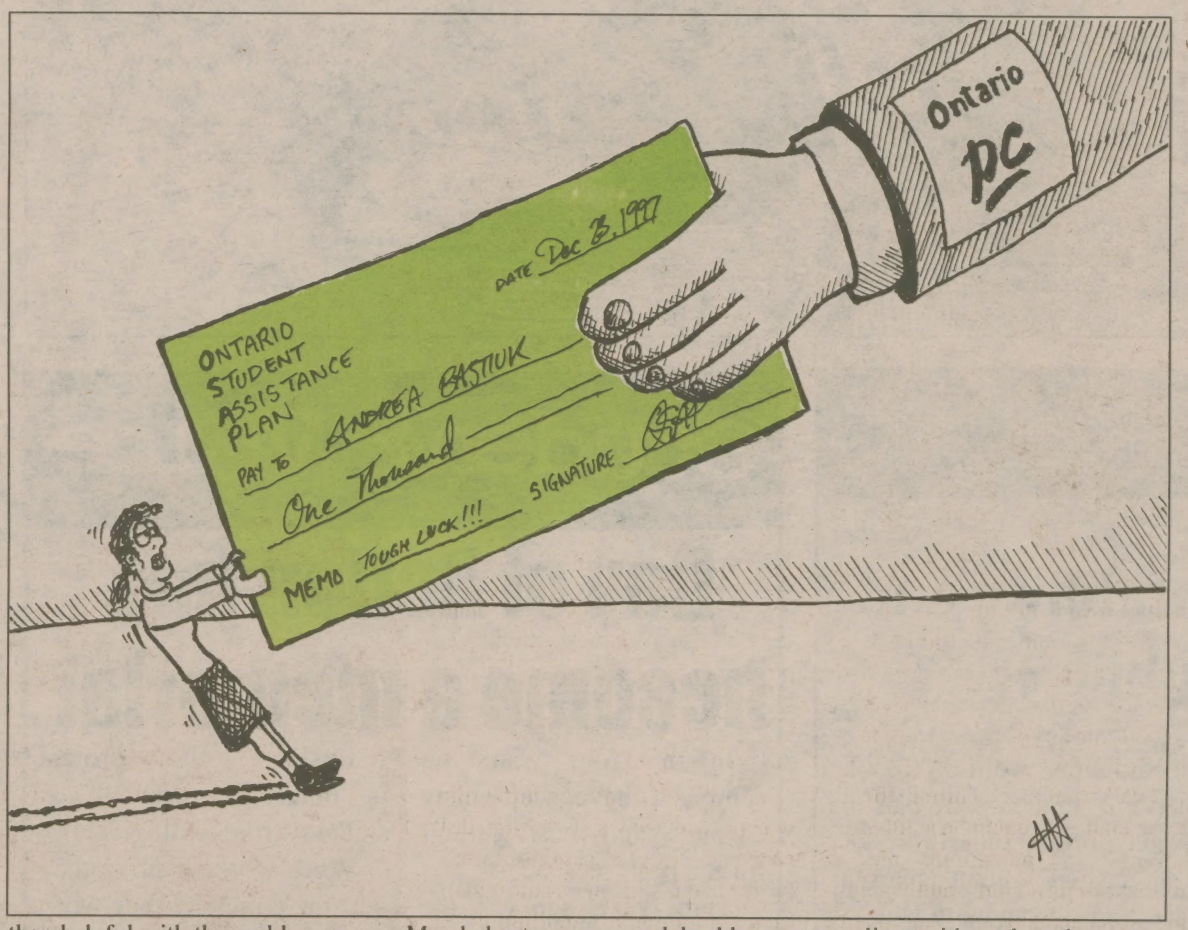
Similar letters were received by every Canadian student who had taken a loan through the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) and were studying outside the province. In all, more than 4,000 students were reassessed, and while British Columbia students saw their loans increase slightly, the majority of OSAP recipients saw a significant drop in the amount promised them at the beginning of the school year.

"When I got the letter, I scanned it and realized that they were going to cut me [by] over $1,000," said Bastiuk, whose primary source of income is student loans. "My first thought was, 'Oh no, I can't [afford to] go back to school.'"

This thought made Bastiuk determined to fight the reassessment with every spare shred of energy she had.

"I'm the only one in my family that has ever been to university, [so] my education is very, very important to me," she said.

She first phoned OSAP, whose representatives initially claimed to know nothing of the reassessment and refused to take responsibility for it. Several calls later, she finally contacted an OSAP supervisor who, according to Bastiuk, was less than helpful with the problem.



"She told me they had made a mistake, that they had calculated our living allowance with Ontario statistics," Bastiuk said. "I told her that the letter I had received made that clear, but I still didn't understand how they could cut [our loans] so late in the year."

Unfazed, Bastiuk took her concerns to her OSAP ombudsperson, who informed her that she could appeal the decision, but it would not be dealt with for at least six months.

Making matters worse, the ombudsperson informed her she could only contest the reassessment if she filled out her form incorrectly at the beginning of the year, not on the grounds the reassessment came too late in the year for her to find additional funding for her education.

Frustrated, Bastiuk filed a complaint against OSAP. She was told it wouldn't be dealt with until March due to a paperwork backlog. But other OSAP recipients also stepped forward to voice their concerns, and Bastiuk's complaint was pushed through, but with an unsatisfactory final response.

Bastiuk also contacted her Ontario member of provincial parliament. A deputy at his office sent a letter to Ontario's education minister, requesting the decision to cut OSAP loans not be carried out.

Despite these efforts, it was. In fact, the only immediate response Bastiuk received from the government was a strange call from the Ministry of Education. According to Bastiuk, a government spokesperson advised her to compile a list of names, phone numbers and social insurance numbers of every student she knew who had been affected by the OSAP cuts. Bastiuk found this request rather absurd, considering that OSAP already had this information.

Yet despite the frustration of wrangling with a less-than-compassionate bureaucracy, Bastiuk remained determined to fight.

"I have talked to a lot of students [receiving OSAP assistance] who feel very similar to the way I feel," Bastiuk said. "I mean, somebody has to push, and if I have to be that somebody, then so be it."

Late last week, Bastiuk's pushing finally paid off when she was contacted by the minister's office and told she could appeal the reassessment on the basis that she already budgeted for the promised amount of OSAP money.

According to Ontario government press secretary Daniel Gauvin, the Ministry of Education and Training realized, thanks in part to Bastiuk's persistence, that many OSAP students will find themselves short of money at the end of the year.

"For a lot of students, this [reassessment] means a change in circumstance," Gauvin said. "What the minister has said is that on a case-by-case basis, we will look at the situations where it has caused hardship for a student, and we will look at their financial needs again."

"I scanned it and realized that they were going to cut me [by] over $1,000."

While happy with finally being given the opportunity to appeal, Bastiuk said she is far from through fighting the Ontario government's mistake. She said it is unfair that students have to appeal on an individual basis when the reassessments negatively affected almost every OSAP recipient.

She also said an apology is in order.

"I understand that they had to make the cut, but I haven't received a sincere, 'I'm sorry,' from OSAP."

Bastiuk said she learned a thing or two about what students can do if they aren't afraid to stand up to injustices.

"There are a lot of students out there that don't know that they can complain when the government doesn't do something [it] should do," she said.

"If I had to give a message to any other student, I would say, 'Fight it. If you believe that you've been wronged, you have to fight. Whether or not you get anything out of it doesn't matter. You have to try.'"

Ontario loan program screws students across Canada

by Carla Tonelli

TORONTO (CUP) — William Dixon uses his student loan to support his wife and two children as well as his education at the University of Winnipeg.

But he says the Ontario government must have no sense of how tightly he stretches the borrowed cash, or they wouldn't casually inform him mid-academic year that an administrative screw-up means 20 per cent of the loan is canceled.

"One more term to my degree, and they throw this at me. You don't reassess people halfway through the year."

"I don't know how cheaply they want me to live," he said of the reassessment that cut his loan from $16,500 to $13,200. "What they did blows my budget. I have to keep my family fed and work is very hard to come by. McDonald's just isn't going to cut it," he said. "There goes my education."

He is one of 4,214 Ontario students at out-of-province universities who were notified in December that the second installment of their loans would be an average of $1,000 less than they were promised.

Helmut Zisser, a spokesperson for Ontario's education ministry, blames a computer error for incorrectly calculating the original assessments last summer—basing all students' costs of living on that of students living in Ontario.

Loans for Ontario students studying out of province were indexed to Canada's second-highest cost of living. Only British Columbia is more expensive than Ontario.

"It's never normal for us to make mistakes, and if we do make mistakes, we certainly try to be up front about it," Zisser said.

The Ontario government is belatedly falling in line with new federal guidelines that require cost of living be based on a province-by-province scale.

Danielle Gauvin, spokesperson for Ontario's education ministry, says the provincial Tories' decision to right the bureaucratic wrong means a slim $3 million savings in the mammoth OSAP system. "[Righting] this error's not going to make a major difference."

But this mid-year withdrawal of incorrectly-indexed funds points to a lack of intelligent management at the provincial level, says one student leader.

"It shows, in any case, they weren't ready for these changes. They obviously didn't have the proper statistics on costs of living," Wayne Poirier, Ontario chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said.

Out-of-province Ontario students learned in December the second installment of their loans was cut by an average of $1000.

He says the federation has met with the education minister to demand that loans initially promised out-of-province students be honored. "I think that when changes are implemented you have to ensure students won't be affected mid-course. This type of mix-up is unacceptable," Poirier said, adding the province is considering keeping its word.

Many students think the Tories are just cashing in at every corner–suspicions partially sparked by a leaked document offering the deputy education minister a job bonus for successfully cutting $80 million from OSAP in 1997-98.

The average Ontario student's loan cashes in around $7,861 in a combination of provincial and federal student loans.

But for students like Jocelyn Kervin, one of 60 Ontario students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, provincial loans do not seem adequate or dependable these days.

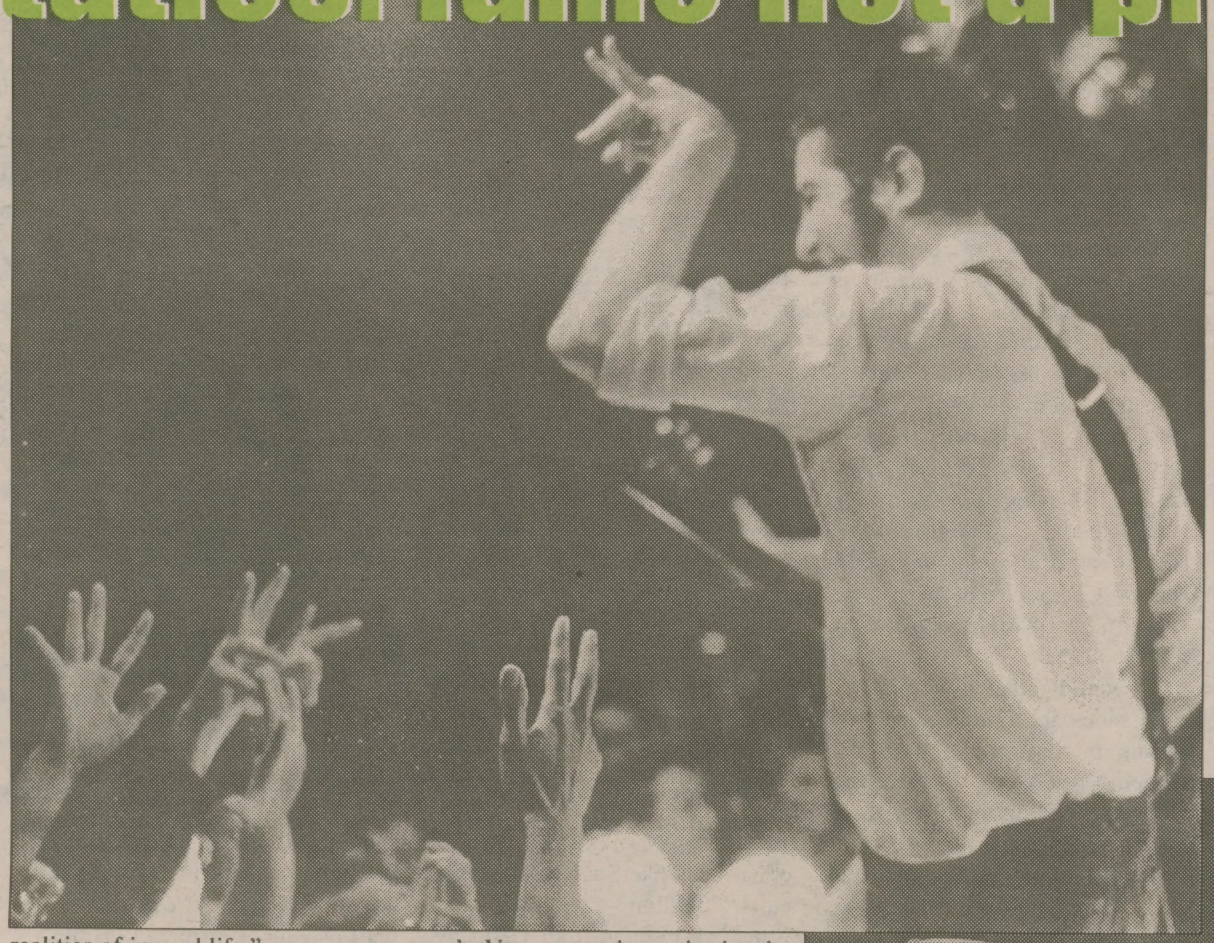
"It's crazy. Besides the fact that they took the money away, they're loans. You should be able to borrow what you need," she said of her OSAP loan that was reduced to just over $1,000 for the final stretch of her program.

"One more term to my degree, and they throw this at me," she said. "You don't reassess people halfway through the year. Especially in our circumstances as students."

Kervin says she was shocked and disappointed that the ministry got in touch with the students in December, despite having let financial aid offices know of the reassessments earlier in the term.

Rheostatics: fame not a priority

by Darren Stewart



Left: Fans at the Rheostatics' Vertigo show last Friday Jan. 23 reach up for a pick flicked into the crowd by Martin Tielli.
Martlet photo by Darren Stewart

Below:The Rheostatics harmonize like only the Rheostatics can. L to R: Dave Bidini, Tim Vesely, Don Kerr, and Martin Tielli.
Martlet photo by Peter Booth

The Rheostatics' fan base is an unpredictable but dedicated bunch. Example: every time the band plays the West coast, one fan makes the pilgrimage to B.C. from Dunsmuir, California .

"He's always trying to figure out how much it'll cost him to get us to come down and play in his own town," says drummer Don Kerr.

"Must be an honorary Canadian," says guitarist and vocalist Tim Vesely.

The admiration is well-deserved. Since forming in the early 80's, Rheostatics' musical experimentation has yielded a diverse, nine–album discography. This includes: a movie soundtrack (*Whale Music*); a government–commissioned instrumental album to commemorate Canadian wildlife/landscape artists the Group of Seven (*Music Inspired By The Group of Seven*); and most recently *Double Live*, a compilation of recordings of recent tours.

> *"I don't know who told the morons that it's OK to like the Rheostatics"*

They've recently filmed a two minute music video of "Stolen Car" for CBC which will air during the 1998 Winter Olympics. One project the band continually plugs away at is a concept album based on a children's story by bandmember Dave Bidini.

Never a radio staple, Rheostatics have reached cult status as the most underrated and eclectic band in Canada. The Etobicoke, Ontario quartet tends to shun the passing attention of the mainstream, relying on a fervently supportive fan base built over the last decade.

"We've been around longer than MuchMusic and will be around a lot longer," says Kerr, referring to the band as individual musicians.

"MuchMusic is just a big flash in the big pan," says Vesely, "or maybe a kitchen fire."

Their music is too loose to adequately put a finger on its appeal. With their unpredictable, improvised live shows, Rheostatics are respected as some of Canada's most original performers.

"We've never respected song structure," says Vesely. "As often as possible we let [the songs] go where they want."

Their recordings are all over the map, but their true talent for musical elasticity is evident in their live shows.

"Our live show is totally different from our recordings. We started with more improvisational sets but moved to more concise songs. We've been moving back to improvisation," comments Tielli.

"But we don't take ourselves too seriously. Music isn't holy, though it may be spiritual. I write to entertain and to communicate. I communicate everything relevant to me and to the people I know–the realities of outward life and the quasi-realities of inward life."

Vesely, Tielli and Bidini have been playing together since high school. Tielli explains how commercial success has never been a band priority:

"We've never aspired to it, never at all. We could be a lot more famous. It's puzzlingly not a notion. We just comfortably get by and are then able to experiment. We provide a service that is specific in taste. It's one of the good things about this country, though it's shifting, you don't have to kiss the asses of the plebes."

People coming to the shows aren't fencesitters, being either to-the-death supporters or not fans at all. Recently, the crowds have gotten bigger and more diverse.

> *"It was like an unanswered ad: Band seeks audience."*

"Something is happening. More 'booers' are coming to our shows and demanding that we play the popular songs. I don't know who told the morons that it's OK to like the Rheostatics," says Tielli.

At ease on the stage, Rheostatics hold an intimate energy with each other and with the audience. At last year's Vancouver show, the band stormed the balcony and played their Gordon Lightfoot cover ("The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald") on the dare of an overtly vocal fan.

The crowd was keen during the two packed shows at Vertigo last weekend. Never sticking to formula, the band dipped in and out of their unique melding of pop/rock/folk songs, making cracks with the audience and creating some bewildering arrangements. Opener Veda Hille came back for an impromptu performance on the piano with Tielli on vocals.

Last year they encountered a large and unreceptive American crowd while touring with the Tragically Hip.

"We never found each other. It was like an unanswered ad: Band seeks audience. It wasn't as good as one of our own shows where we can play two–and–a–half hours of whatever we want. We probably didn't reach too many people–most were annoyed that we weren't the Hip."

Kerr said the band did gain something from the experience:

"Everybody on the tour got a duffle bag full of Hip stuff. We each got eight pairs of socks which [Dave] Bidini didn't want. I ended up with 16 pairs. That's socks for life!" Kerr lifts his pantleg and shows off "The Hip"–embroidered socks with mock pride.

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Fiesta's a flop, specialty shop's stellar

by Tara Hungerford and Jessica Hungerford

Mexican food was on our minds. While walking along Douglas street one rainy afternoon, we noticed La Fiesta, a fairly new, casual quick eats Mexican-style joint. From the outside the piñatas and the bright interior gave us the impression that this would be the perfect escape from the rain.

Much to our disappointment, the food left us with empty pockets and upset stomachs. The cutlery was dirty, the salsa was kept in crusty and unappealing containers, the plants were wilting, and who's ever heard of cauliflower and cabbage in a burrito? "Our vegetables are basically pretty fresh," shrugged an employee behind the counter. We decided that next time we would buy the ingredients and make our own Mexican food at home.

This is when we came across a specialty food store, From There to Here. This tiny and rather eclectic store is literally a mini world of its own. Owner Colin Meacham prides himself on carrying all the ingredients needed in order to prepare exotic and authentic international dishes-especially Mexican dishes. The store has been open for just over a year; however, with time the place has changed to fit the needs of customers. Recently, Meacham set up two tables in the middle of his store where one can sip a specialty coffee or just sit and contemplate what you are going to make for your next dinner party.

Meacham is an expert on Mexican cuisine and spicing up any meal. He boasts that his hot sauce collection is the most extensive in all of B.C. "I have over 150 hot sauces in my shop at one time. On Saturday, I hold sauce sampling sessions." According to Meacham, the top five sauces are Prairie Fire from Alberta, Lizano from Costa Rica, Fear Itself from Vancouver, Buffalo Chipotle from Mexico and Jump Up and Kiss Me curry sauce from the U.S.

"I would rather my customers try a sauce and find one they like versus buying one and getting burned," he joked. "I am always ready and willing to help anybody expand their cooking portfolio. People get pasta-ed out." To further inspire your taste buds, he has some great recipes and cook books for reference.

Among Meacham's specialty foods, there is a wide variety of rare and interesting cooking oils, spices, hot and cold beverages including Mexican or Jamaican hot chocolate, imported Italian juices and a variety of herbal teas and other treats like South African biscuits, Belgium chocolates and wafer tea biscuits from Germany. "I have a wide variety of imported goods in my store, but I also try to bring in as many local products as I can," he adds.

Getting back to the Mexican food...we purchased some freshly made corn tortillas, Mexican hot sauce and Guatemalan refried beans. Meacham gave us some tips on how to make our own Mexican feast leaving us inspired to cook.

We asked Meacham what made him decide to open such a business. He responded "I have a great passion for cooking. I tied this passion in with my love for travel and meeting people from all walks of life." As it turned out we had no problem saying "¡Hasta la vista!" to La Fiesta and "¡Hola!" to the quality authentic Mexican foods of From There to Here.

From There to Here, located at 1031 Fort Street, is open Monday through Friday 7am-5pm and Saturday from 10a.m.-4p.m. Lunch items are served between 11a.m.-3p.m.

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As Good As It Gets not so bad

by Lynn MacNaughton

In *As Good As It Gets*, Jack Nicholson plays Melvin Udall, an endlessly rude obsessive compulsive writer. He avoids walking on cracks in the sidewalk.

Fearful of germs, he takes plastic cutlery to restaurants. He pepper-sprays sexist and homophobic rants at those who dare disrupt his carefully constructed routine.

The film traces Melvin's rocky road to redemption from serious weirdo to all around nice guy, with a robbery and an entertaining mini road trip thrown in for good measure.

Melvin is the character's name, but it might as well be Jack because, as in most of his films, Nicholson plays a barely disguised version of himself. For fans of Jack Nicholson, seeing Jack be Jack is worth the price of admission alone. For the rest of us, *As Good As it Gets* has to offer something more and it does.

Director and co-writer James L. Brooks has made a rare Hollywood film—a grown-up comedy drama. The script is fresh and funny and the repartee between Nicholson and Helen Hunt, the smart-mouthed waitress who suffers his rudeness and eccentricities, is as caustic as Alien blood.

Greg Kinnear plays Melvin's gay artist neighbour Simon. Simon is the opposite of Melvin—kind, sweet, funny—a man who is comfortable in his own skin. Kinnear is surprisingly effective in this role, refusing to let Nicholson dominate any scene. Melvin's loyal friend and agent, played by Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr., is the only character not intimidated by Melvin. Leading Oscar contender for best supporting cánine goes to Simon's cute pooch who steals every scene from Nicholson.

Though strong on dialogue and characterization, the film's plot is as thin as Nicholson's hair. Hunt has a severely asthmatic son who grows weaker with each attack, yet she remains in New York. Why? Surely she should be on the first bus to clean-aired Montana. Simon travels to see his estranged parents to ask for money. These are the very same parents who haven't spoken to him for 15 years and didn't bother to visit him in the hospital—hardly prime candidates for a loan.

However, the strong pacing, charming characters and witty, grown-up dialogue makes *As Good As It Gets* a definite go-see movie.

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Spice World Oscar-worthy

by j. siska

Posh Spice is my favourite.

The other night I dreamt that she dumped her soccer player fiancé and showed up at my door with a pizza and a case of Budweiser and then we...well...forget it.

Yes, I have seen the spectacle that is Spice World *and I'm here to tell you that it isn't all bad. In fact, it's far from bad.*

My dream was rudely disturbed by a 12-year-old girl leaning over the movie seat behind me and asking, "How old are you?"

"Twenty-eight," I told her.

"And you like the Spice Girls?" she said.

"Oh yeah, I think they're great," I replied, stretching the truth a bit.

I had obviously just made a friend for life because the girl instantly confided in me, "I don't want to be rude, but I think the Spice Girls show off their butts."

Little girl, you couldn't be more right. Who said the youth of today don't have insight into current events?

Yes, I have seen the spectacle that is *Spice World* and I'm here to tell you that it isn't all bad. In fact, it's far from bad.

I'm the first one to admit that the Spice Girls don't do it for me musically, but they've taken an ounce of talent and a pound of trashy appeal straight to the top of the charts so they've gotta be doing something right.

Of course the movie is dumb but, dare I say it, there's a level of complexity to it. *Spice World* pokes fun at everything, including the girls themselves. Sadly though, most of the jokes will go right over the heads of the film's target audience due to their references to things the average 12-year-old knows nothing about. This became very clear as I laughed my head off in a dead silent theatre.

See Roger Moore ape Bond movie villains as "The Chief"—the Spice Girls' secret boss. Moore pets a variety of animals, including a baby pig, all the while babbling a steady stream of bullshit expressions...pure hilarity.

Posh, Baby, Ginger, Sporty and Scary Spice cruise around in a double decker bus that acts as a rolling headquarters—Meatloaf is their driver.

Bob Hoskins, Bob Geldof, Elton John and Elvis Costello and George Wendt all have cameos. Shit, this thing's got just about as many cameos as *The Player.*

An alien spaceship lands as the girls are off taking a leak in the woods. The aliens can't get tickets for their concert, but the Spice Girls can somehow speak the aliens' language. Beautiful, talented, and well educated in interplanetary communication—what more could anyone ask for?

A whole lot happens but not much really happens if you know what I mean. It's sappy, it's stupid, quirky, offbeat, funny and fun...it's girl power, baby, as the five Spices get ready for "the big gig."

Spice World is surprisingly entertaining and worth every penny - simply for the 1.3 second scene of Posh Spice in a bubble bath...I think I've died and gone to heaven.

The only thing it doesn't have is a gunfight. No...wait, I take that back. There are plenty of guns in it.

Oh yeah...there's some singing too.

Blood on the Dancefloor

Transcendental tripe

by Justin Kalef

Transcendental Meditation, or TM, was begun in 1955 by the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Though described at the outset as non-religious by its spokespeople, it has been recognized as a cult by the Cult Awareness Network. The movement claims that its followers will develop the powers of perfect health, levitation and invisibility, among others.

Cal Danyluk, who together with his wife runs the Maharishi Vedic College on Pandora, spoke about TM at UVic on Jan. 13. Now a TM marketer in his own right (he even seemed hopeful to sign me up!), Danyluk asserts that two daily 20 minute meditation sessions do more than simply empower the disciple: he alleges that if one per cent of any population practices TM, the rates of suicide, crime and hospitalization decrease by as much as 25 per cent. "When you dissolve stress in your nervous system, you nourish the collective consciousness," he says.

"Modern physics tells us that all matter is sound energy. The sound quality has its own vibration, and that is Sanskrit. In Sanskrit, the word and the meaning are the same thing." Therefore, he says, if we use customized Sanskrit mantras in meditative chanting, we can change all reality.

Since UVic has no Sanskrit professors at whom to throw these dubious remarks, I consulted R. M. Robb, senior lab instructor in the Physics department. "No," he chuckled in reply to the 'all matter is sound energy' claim. "There's just no hope."

Another physicist concurred that "sound requires a compressible medium, like air." The 'collective consciousness' idea is, of course, equally hokum.

I, for one, would have been much more impressed with a demonstration of levitation than with the 'studies' which appear in the promotional TM tabloid.

It is interesting to note that, when tested against people who are merely sitting quietly with their eyes closed for 20 minutes, no distinctly positive effects can be observed among TM practitioners.

The fee for the initiation, which comprises two hours of instruction per day for four days, can cost as much as $450. Everything after that will cost you extra, especially if you want a mantra. Have fun.

UMA hits note with laid-back rock

UMA
Fare Well
Refuge

by Andrea Lane

After reading this California-based band's press sheet, I was prepared to be nauseated. Although none of the songs lived up to the press release promise of "feeding the hungry," I was nonetheless surprised by the relative inoffensiveness of UMA.

I am loath to pigeonhole a band by comparing it to others, but it is inevitable: think Counting Crows with a female vocalist, think the Watchmen on their mellow songs, think acoustic guitars and faintly intellectual text. Leonard Cohen isn't being challenged here, but at least their lyrics don't descend into the insipid. Female vocalist Sally Dworsky has a sweetly beautiful voice that mercifully avoids any similarity with the breathy girlishness of Jewel or Bjork.

Much better than most of the trash currently sullying the airwaves–I can recommend this album, with a slight caveat, to anyone with a proclivity for folk-influenced, laid-back rock. Tool fans need not apply.

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Vikes balance academics with athletics

by Kristi Millar

Lindsay Brooke isn't your average university student.

While most students often feel overwhelmed taking five courses per semester, desperately trying to find enough time to write papers, go to labs, study for exams, and actually pass, Brooke does all of these and maintains an A-average.

What makes her academic success even more impressive is the fact she maintains her A-average on top of 15 hours of basketball practice and strict training each week, plus eight to 10 weekends of play in various cities across Canada, when it's useless to try to do any work.

Brooke is the starting guard of the Canada West champion Vikes women's basketball team and a recipient of UVic's $15,000 T.S. McPherson scholarship for academic achievement, two feats impressive in themselves, but even more outstanding when combined.

"As a varsity athlete, it's pretty demanding, especially with a full course load," said Brooke of the balance between school and basketball.

Brooke is one of 24 UVic athletes named Academic All-Canadian last year.

These athletes aren't "dumb jocks." They maintain averages above 80 per cent while rigorously training throughout the school year to become Canada's best in their respective sports.

"That's a huge accomplishment on their part" said Wayne MacDonald, Manager of UVic Athletics and Recreational Services.

Brooke was outstanding both athletically and academically in 1996-97, her rookie year. She started as point guard for the Vikes and was named to the Canada West all-rookie team. Despite the hours of training, practicing, and playing each week, Brooke maintained a 7.0 GPA in Kinesiology and took five courses each semester.

While Brooke found last year a big adjustment coming from high school, she has learned to cope with her intense schedule.

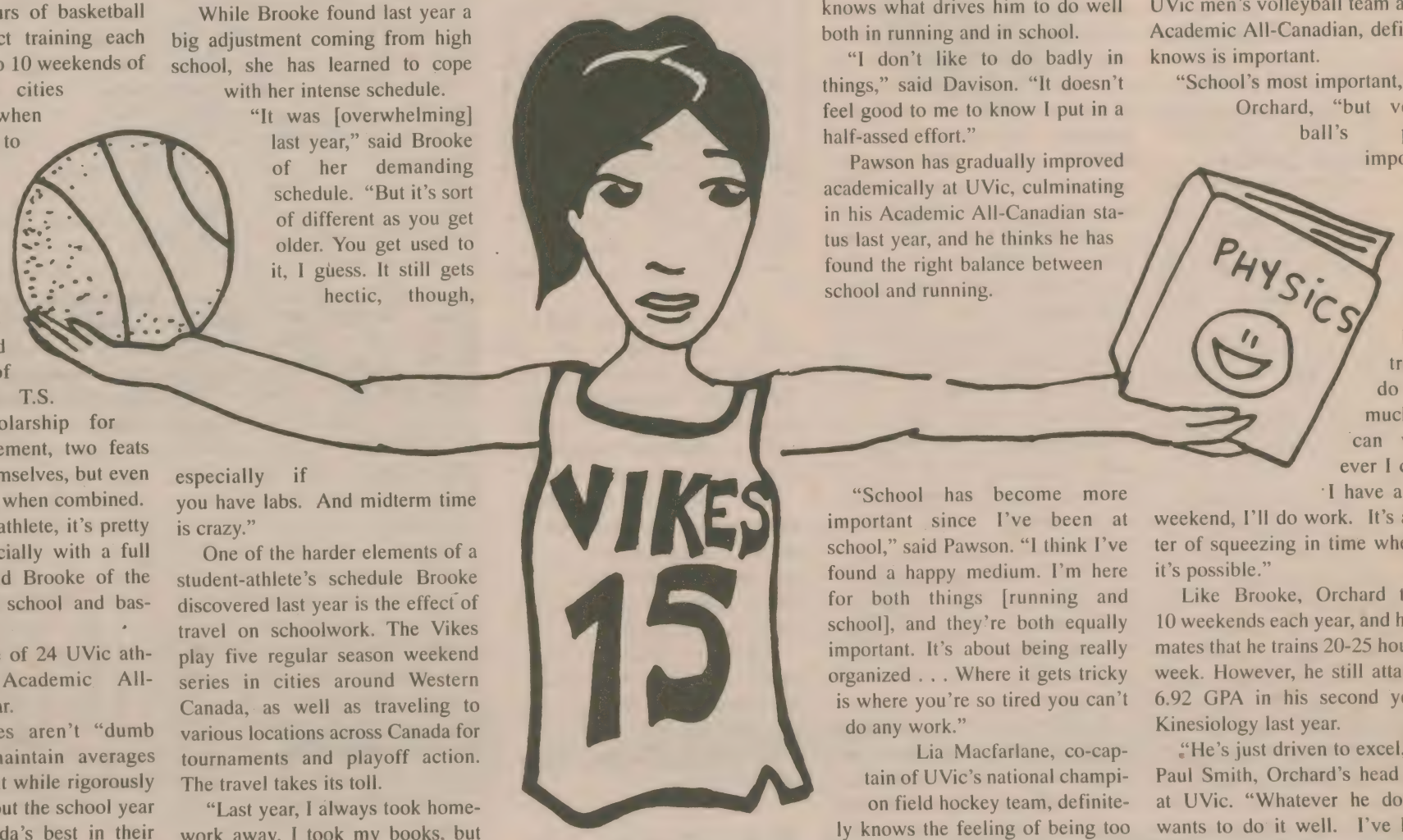
"It was [overwhelming] last year," said Brooke of her demanding schedule. "But it's sort of different as you get older. You get used to it, I guess. It still gets hectic, though, especially if you have labs. And midterm time is crazy."

One of the harder elements of a student-athlete's schedule Brooke discovered last year is the effect of travel on schoolwork. The Vikes play five regular season weekend series in cities around Western Canada, as well as traveling to various locations across Canada for tournaments and playoff action. The travel takes its toll.

"Last year, I always took homework away. I took my books, but I've learned never to do that again. They just take up space," she said.

It is this dedication that allows Brooke to be successful both on and off the court, according to Kathy Shields, head coach of the women's basketball team.

"Lindsay has incredible dedication to whatever she does," said Shields. "And she's very, very tough on herself. She has very high expectations in every area of her life, and she wants to do well and works hard to make that happen."



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Brooke has no question as to what motivates her to do well academically.

"I'm on a scholarship, so it's free school," she said. "I'm not here to waste my time doing nothing and to come out in five years with nothing and have to go back to school again for another five years."

Two other UVic athletes who don't want to waste their time at school are James Davison and Chad Pawson, both runners on UVic's national champion cross-country team.

Last year, both did very well academically, pulling 6.6 and 6.86 GPAs respectively, despite intense training schedules that had Davison running 10-12 hours a week and Pawson as much as 20-30 hours each week.

Like Brooke, the two runners understand the trials of travel and schoolwork. At this year's national championships in London, Ontario, Davison, who finished eighth, wrote a midterm in the hotel room. Pawson, who finished 14th, took the opposite route and did anything but work, which had its repercussions.

"I did no homework [while in London]," said Pawson, an Academic All-Canadian in his fifth year of a double major in Writing and Canadian History. "It's my week to focus solely on that race, and I do anything I want that's going to keep my mind on the race. When I came back, though, it was a total school week."

Davison, in his final year of a Bachelor of Science in Geography, knows what drives him to do well both in running and in school.

"I don't like to do badly in things," said Davison. "It doesn't feel good to me to know I put in a half-assed effort."

Pawson has gradually improved academically at UVic, culminating in his Academic All-Canadian status last year, and he thinks he has found the right balance between school and running.

"School has become more important since I've been at school," said Pawson. "I think I've found a happy medium. I'm here for both things [running and school], and they're both equally important. It's about being really organized . . . Where it gets tricky is where you're so tired you can't do any work."

Lia Macfarlane, co-captain of UVic's national champion field hockey team, definitely knows the feeling of being too exhausted to do any schoolwork.

"I don't really get to study when I'm away," said Macfarlane. "With field hockey, we play four games per weekend, so I'm so tired I can't think."

Macfarlane still managed to achieve Academic All-Canadian status for the fourth year in a row last year with a 7.2 GPA in Kinesiology.

"Lia's always been somebody who took anything she did and wanted to do it to the best of her ability," said Lynne Beecroft, head coach of the Vikes field hockey squad, "whether it's with the provincial team, or the varsity team, or wanting to do well in school. I think it just comes down to personal responsibility."

Macfarlane's field hockey schedule keeps her busy practicing 10 hours a week during the CIAU season, which runs from September to November, then playing indoor field hockey in the second semester. She feels the time spent playing hockey has affected her school work.

"There are some times when I don't get the stuff done that I want to because I don't have the time," said Macfarlane. "There are some classes where if I'd had more time I would've maybe gotten an A, but instead I got that B+."

Because of her tight schedule, Macfarlane makes the best of her time.

"I think field hockey helps me get organized," said Macfarlane. "I don't have a ton of time, so it's a matter of making time. Time management is the key phrase."

Time management is a skill Jeff Orchard, a power hitter with the UVic men's volleyball team and an Academic All-Canadian, definitely knows is important.

"School's most important," said Orchard, "but volleyball's pretty important, too. I just try to do as much as I can whenever I can. If I have a spare weekend, I'll do work. It's a matter of squeezing in time whenever it's possible."

Like Brooke, Orchard travels 10 weekends each year, and he estimates that he trains 20-25 hours per week. However, he still attained a 6.92 GPA in his second year of Kinesiology last year.

"He's just driven to excel," said Paul Smith, Orchard's head coach at UVic. "Whatever he does, he wants to do it well. I've known him for I think four or five years, and he's always been an overachiever."

What motivates Orchard is his past success and his desires for the future.

"I've always done fairly well with school," said Orchard. "It comes fairly easily to me, and because I've always done it that way, it seems like the way I should do it. Also, I know it's important to my future. It's the main reason I'm here, but volleyball's pretty high up there."

With these athletes, it all comes down to immense dedication and a desire for excellence. They want to succeed in all aspects of their lives and so often sacrifice free time for the pursuit of academic and athletic achievement.

"I don't do much else," said Brooke of basketball and school. "I'm here from 8:30 in the morning to 8:30 at night. I don't go home in between [classes and practice] because I'd just waste half an hour each way driving."

No, Lindsay Brooke definitely isn't your average university student.

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Varsity program changes leave v-ball out of CIAU

by Kevin Woodley

While students across Canada demonstrated against university funding cuts Wednesday, members of UVic's men's and women's volleyball teams learned first-hand that budget cuts affect more than just academics.

In a move designed to stabilize a shrinking athletics budget, the university announced it was restructuring its Varsity Athletic Program and removing its volleyball teams from Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) competition. Both volleyball teams will compete as a Level 2 program next season.

"It was a very difficult decision," said Wayne MacDonald, manager of UVic Athletics and Recreational Services. "But we had to look at a decision that would impact on the least number of students."

MacDonald said the decision was based on the small size of UVic's volleyball teams–not on their recent performance. But players weren't as sure.

"We all know it had to do with our record (the men are 3-15 and the women have a 1-17 record)," said Amy Kanakos, who is playing in her first year with the UVic women. "They wouldn't cut a championship team."

The Level 2 designation means teams will receive university travel support and compete in southwestern British Columbia. Men's field hockey and women's rugby will move up to level 2 status from their current club status. MacDonald said UVic is looking at forming a local conference with UBC, Trinity Western and Simon Fraser University.

MacDonald estimates running a level 2 program will cost roughly $10,000 a year compared to the $75,000 necessary to maintain a Varsity (Level 1) program. "By going to level 2 it permits us some additional money to focus on level 1 programs," he said.

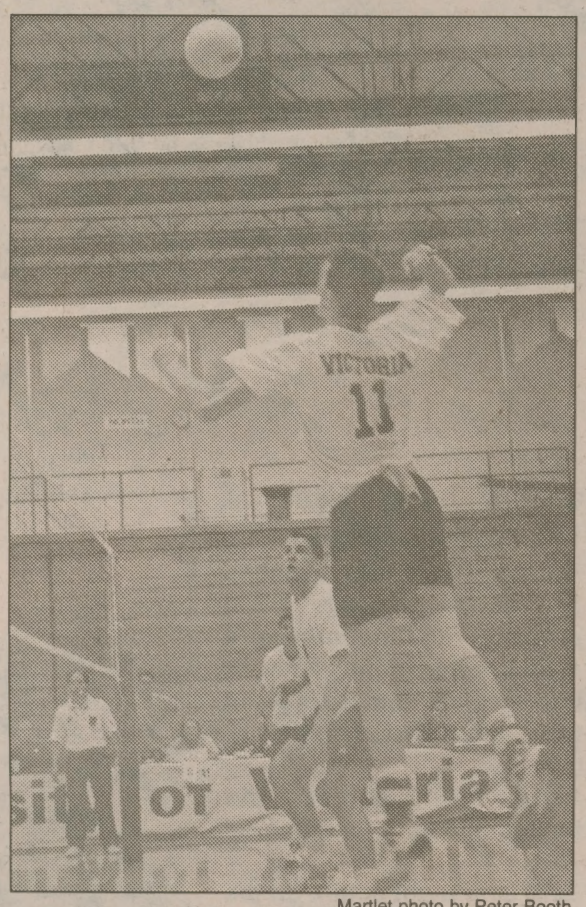
For a department dealt more than $161,000 in budget cuts over the last four years, MacDonald said the savings are necessary.

But there is more involved in the change than financial savings. Both of volleyball's three-quarter-time coaching positions have been terminated. And while the two coaches will receive compensation as outlined in their Professional Employees Association contracts with the university, their future is uncertain.

Vikes head coach Paul Smith was upset about the sudden announcement, but said the focus should be on the loss to students.

"A lot of these students are forgotten," said Smith. "Sometimes it's a pencil reaction and we don't get to see the faces involved."

Kanakos, who is in her third year of CIAU eligibility, agrees with Smith.



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Hitting home.

The UVic Vikes battled arch-rival UBC at McKinnon Gym this weekend. After losing all four games, things got worse for Vikes volleyball when they lost both their Varsity and CIAU status.

"No university is going to want some of these players who are in their fourth year," she said. CIAU rules allow students five years of athletic eligibility.

Kanakos said she was lucky because she is still in the process of applying for the business department, but other players who are farther along in their programs won't be so lucky.

"Some people are considering not going back to school next year because of this," she said.

Kanakos echoed Smith's statements that players, who were informed of the decision at a Jan. 27 meeting with MacDonald, were angry and felt betrayed by the university.

"There was no notice, no nothing. We didn't get a chance to do anything about it," she said. "He just basically said 'here, this is it.'"

"It still really hasn't sunk in," said Smith. "I feel kind of numb and it's like a bad dream."

Canada West Standings

VOLLEYBALL

Men's

	MW	ML	GW	GL
Sask	15	3	49	19
Alberta	13	5	43	20
UBC	11	7	38	33
Calgary	7	11	35	36
Victoria	3	15	20	45

Women's

	MW	ML	GW	GL
Alberta	14	4	47	17
UBC	14	4	46	20
Sask	9	9	34	29
Calgary	7	11	25	38
Victoria	1	17	6	53

Scores from the weekend:

Men

Jan.23 UBC 3 Victoria 1
(15-6, 13-15, 15-4, 15-4)
Jan. 24 UBC 3 Victoria 2
(9-15, 12-15, 15-9, 17-15, 15-7)

Women

Jan. 23 UBC 3 Victoria 0
(15-6, 15-8, 15-9)
Jan. 24 UBC 3 Victoria 0
(15-6, 15-12, 15-7)

BASKETBALL

Men's

	G	W	L	P
Victoria	12	10	2	20
Lethbridge	12	9	3	18
Alberta	12	8	4	16
UBC	12	6	6	12
Calgary	12	2	10	4
Sask	12	1	11	2

Women's

	G	W	L	P
Victoria	12	10	2	20
Calgary	12	9	3	18
Alberta	12	7	5	14
UBC	12	7	5	14
Sask	12	2	10	4
Lethbridge	12	1	11	2

Scores from the weekend:

Men

Jan. 23
Victoria 67 at Alberta 80
Jan. 24
Victoria 73 at Alberta 83

Women

Jan. 23
Victoria 65 at Alberta 56
Jan. 24
Victoria 84 at Alberta 54

The week ahead

Rowing:

Monster Erg (National Indoor Rowing Championships)
Sunday, Feb. 1
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
in McKinnon Gym

Volleyball vs. Calgary:
Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31
Women: 5:30 p.m. Men: 7:30 p.m.
in McKinnon Gym

Soccer vs. UBC:
Friday, Jan. 30
6 p.m. at Centennial Stadium

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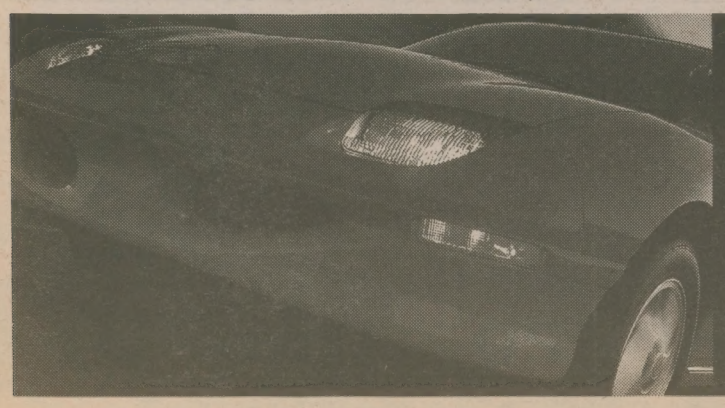
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INTRAMURALS

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UVic Intramurals are back in full swing right across campus.
Be sure to look for your team next week, when *the Martlet* begins printing complete league standings.
And don't forget to register your team for upcoming badminton and soccer tournaments.

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Just another week of Intramural hockey.
Above: The goalie watches helplessly as the puck crosses the line during a Friday afternoon game of intermediate ice hockey at the Gordon Head Ice Rink.

Right: Taking a break and having a laugh at the rink.

Left: Late night action on the field hockey pitch.

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On Campus

Seminars

Conservation of the Great Bear Rainforest on BC's Central Coast with wildlife photographers **Ian & Karen McAllister**. Thurs., Jan. 29 @ 7 p.m. in Elliott 168. Admission by donation.

Sessions in Spirituality hosts **"Politician, Gay and Spiritual,"** with Tim Stevenson, MLA. Thurs., Jan. 29 @ 11:30 a.m. in Cornett A137.

Dept. of Psychology Colloquium, **"Developing an Interpretive Theory of Mind: Children's Construction of Social Understanding Within Interaction,"** with Dr. Jeremy Carpendale, SFU. Thurs., Jan. 29 @ 2:30 p.m. in Cornett C122.

Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives hosts **"Despair and Turmoil in Cambodia: Plus Ca Change..."** with Dr. Kate Frieson. Tues., Feb. 3 @ 12:30 p.m. in HSD A260.

Music

Canadian Crossroads International presents **Marimba Muzuva & Shumba Dumba**, a fundraiser. Fri., Jan. 30 @ 8 p.m. in Vertigo nightclub. Tix $5, $7.

Fridaymusic featuring School of Music brass students. Fri., Jan. 30 @ 12:30 p.m. in Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. By donation.

Chamber Music Series featuring music of Debussy and Ravel. Sat., Jan. 31 @ 8 p.m. in Philip T. Young Recital Hall. Tix $12, $8.

Other Stuff

Rape Aggression Defense Course (R.A.D.) teaches realistic defense movements. It takes only 4 nights: 7-10 p.m. each night. Next course Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17. Call Campus Security to register 721-8981.

Centre for Self-Awareness: A Community for Spiritual Awakening Sunday Celebrations 10:30 a.m. in MacLaurin Bldg.

Notices

Blood Donor Clinic: Jan. 28, 29 & 30 from 10:30 to 3:30 in University Centre.

Attention All Queers & Those Who are Straight Not Narrow: The Groovy Collective is seeking Volunteers to help with the 2nd Annual GrooveFest Anti-Fashion Show & Silent Art Auction on Feb. 14 at Vertigo (all ages). We also need Anti-Models, Performers and Art Donations. For info call 721-8353.

UVSS and UVSS Women's Centre are hosting a **free computer training workshops for women** on Jan. 31 (e-mail and internet use). The workshop runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Cle A051. To register call 721-8369.

Clubs Etc.

Martlet Women's Issue: We're looking for help in all areas of production, writing, artwork, etc. for the Women's issue coming out March 5. For info, call 721-8360

Nightshifters Club Meetings: Thurs., @ 7:45 p.m. in the George and Ida Halpern Centre for Graduate Students. For info call Paul Farrell 598-7285.

Native Vegetation Committee (VIPIRG) Meetings: Weds., 9:30 a.m. in SUB B028. For info call 721-8629.

International Socialists Meetings: Thurs. @ 7:30 p.m. in SUB Upper Lounge.

Pacific and Asian Studies Students Society Meetings: Weds. @ 12:30 p.m. in Cle B135.

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Out From the Shadows Project: **International Summit of Sexually Exploited Youth** needs volunteers for Mar. 7-12 at UVic. For more info call Tathra Street 388-5322.

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French Tutoring from native speaker. Written or conversational. Call Marcel at 544-1463.

Hey You!

mison: tea?

Martleteers are **grumpy** this week: did everyone else have a bad week-end too?

T.S. loves **H.F.W.G.**

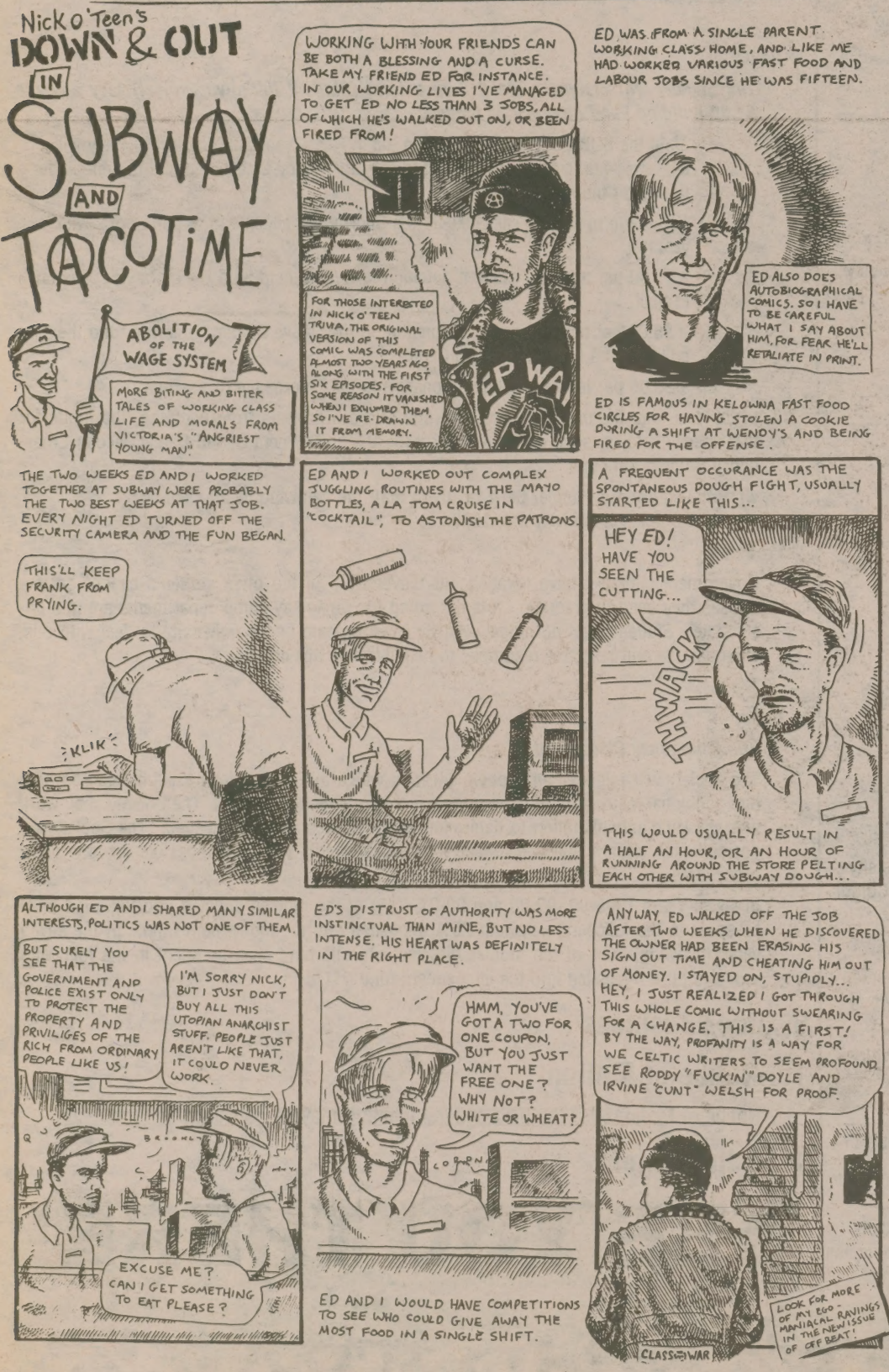
Cassandra-can you meet me on Fri., Feb. 6, 7ish at sub by Vertigo? Buy me a beer, Summer. Beatles Guy shows interest (yes, you are from Toronto)

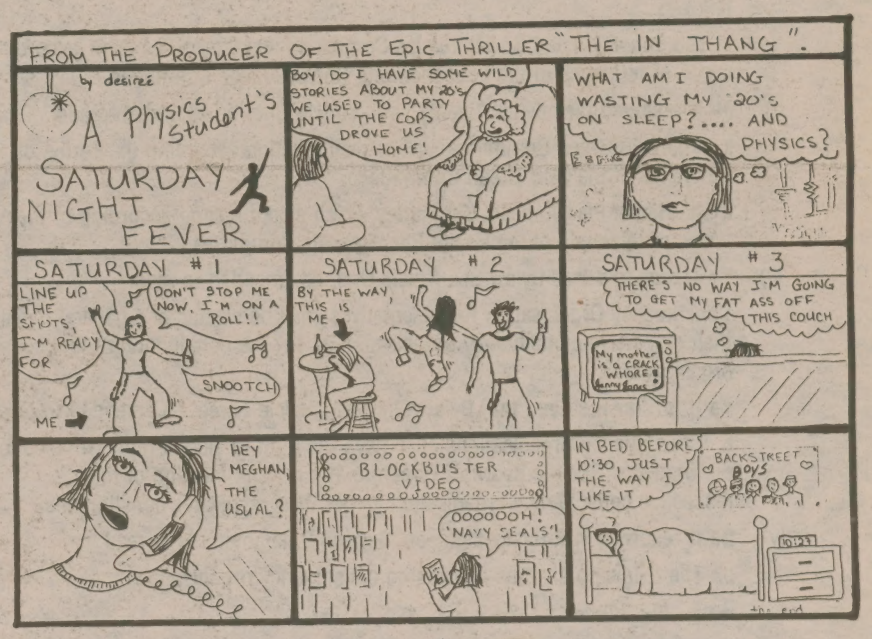
Hannah...Happy birthday!!! The big zero-one!!! I remember 'cause I was there. Love, Daddy.

K.W.—2:30 Friday. You'll like it.

The pickle is in a pickle. Please help. Or else I call in the cucumber.

Hannah, my girl, I love that smile. Happy first birthday, love Ade.


Nick O'Teen's
DOWN & OUT IN SUBWAY AND TACOTIME
ABOLITION OF THE WAGE SYSTEM
MORE BITING AND BITTER TALES OF WORKING CLASS LIFE AND MORALS FROM VICTORIA'S "ANGRIEST YOUNG MAN"
WORKING WITH YOUR FRIENDS CAN BE BOTH A BLESSING AND A CURSE. TAKE MY FRIEND ED FOR INSTANCE. IN OUR WORKING LIVES I'VE MANAGED TO GET ED NO LESS THAN 3 JOBS, ALL OF WHICH HE'S WALKED OUT ON, OR BEEN FIRED FROM!
FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN NICK O' TEEN TRIVIA, THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THIS COMIC WAS COMPLETED ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO, ALONG WITH THE FIRST SIX EPISODES. FOR SOME REASON IT VANISHED WHEN I EXHUMED THEM, SO I'VE RE-DRAWN IT FROM MEMORY.
ED WAS FROM A SINGLE PARENT WORKING CLASS HOME, AND LIKE ME HAD WORKED VARIOUS FAST FOOD AND LABOUR JOBS SINCE HE WAS FIFTEEN.
ED ALSO DOES AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL COMICS. SO I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHAT I SAY ABOUT HIM, FOR FEAR HE'LL RETALIATE IN PRINT.
ED IS FAMOUS IN KELOWNA FAST FOOD CIRCLES FOR HAVING STOLEN A COOKIE DURING A SHIFT AT WENDY'S AND BEING FIRED FOR THE OFFENSE.
THE TWO WEEKS ED AND I WORKED TOGETHER AT SUBWAY WERE PROBABLY THE TWO BEST WEEKS AT THAT JOB. EVERY NIGHT ED TURNED OFF THE SECURITY CAMERA AND THE FUN BEGAN.
THIS'LL KEEP FRANK FROM PRYING.
KLIK
ED AND I WORKED OUT COMPLEX JUGGLING ROUTINES WITH THE MAYO BOTTLES, A LA TOM CRUISE IN "COCKTAIL", TO ASTONISH THE PATRONS.
A FREQUENT OCCURANCE WAS THE SPONTANEOUS DOUGH FIGHT, USUALLY STARTED LIKE THIS...
HEY ED! HAVE YOU SEEN THE CUTTING...
THWACK
THIS WOULD USUALLY RESULT IN A HALF AN HOUR, OR AN HOUR OF RUNNING AROUND THE STORE PELTING EACH OTHER WITH SUBWAY DOUGH...
ALTHOUGH ED AND I SHARED MANY SIMILAR INTERESTS, POLITICS WAS NOT ONE OF THEM.
BUT SURELY YOU SEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND POLICE EXIST ONLY TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY AND PRIVILIGES OF THE RICH FROM ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE US!
I'M SORRY NICK, BUT I JUST DON'T BUY ALL THIS UTOPIAN ANARCHIST STUFF. PEOPLE JUST AREN'T LIKE THAT, IT COULD NEVER WORK.
EXCUSE ME? CAN I GET SOMETHING TO EAT PLEASE?
ED'S DISTRUST OF AUTHORITY WAS MORE INSTINCTUAL THAN MINE, BUT NO LESS INTENSE. HIS HEART WAS DEFINITELY IN THE RIGHT PLACE.
HMM, YOU'VE GOT A TWO FOR ONE COUPON, BUT YOU JUST WANT THE FREE ONE? WHY NOT? WHITE OR WHEAT?
ED AND I WOULD HAVE COMPETITIONS TO SEE WHO COULD GIVE AWAY THE MOST FOOD IN A SINGLE SHIFT.
ANYWAY, ED WALKED OFF THE JOB AFTER TWO WEEKS WHEN HE DISCOVERED THE OWNER HAD BEEN ERASING HIS SIGN OUT TIME AND CHEATING HIM OUT OF MONEY. I STAYED ON, STUPIDLY... HEY, I JUST REALIZED I GOT THROUGH THIS WHOLE COMIC WITHOUT SWEARING FOR A CHANGE. THIS IS A FIRST! BY THE WAY, PROFANITY IS A WAY FOR WE CELTIC WRITERS TO SEEM PROFOUND. SEE RODDY "FUCKIN" DOYLE AND IRVINE "CUNT" WELSH FOR PROOF.
LOOK FOR MORE OF MY EGO-MANIACAL RAVINGS IN THE NEW ISSUE OF OFF BEAT!
CLASS WAR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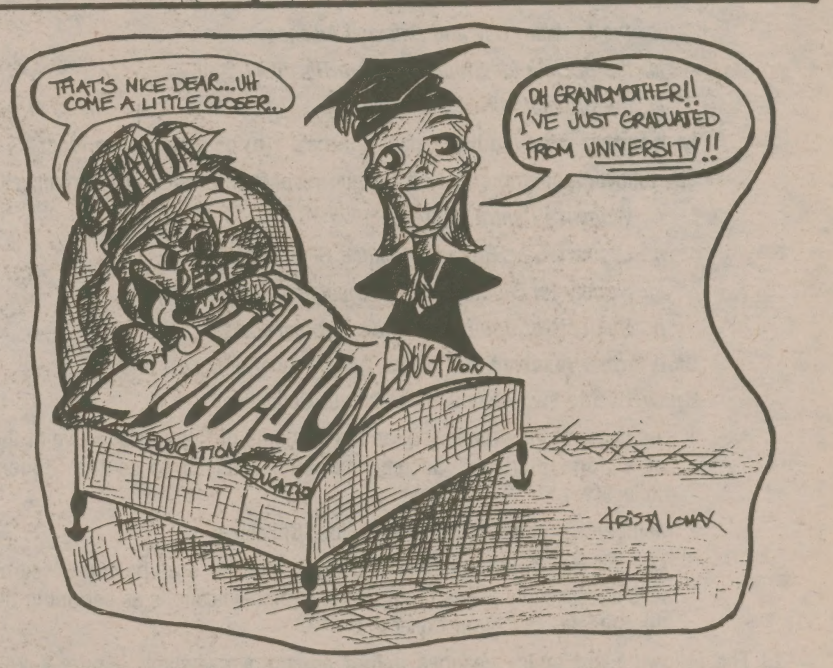
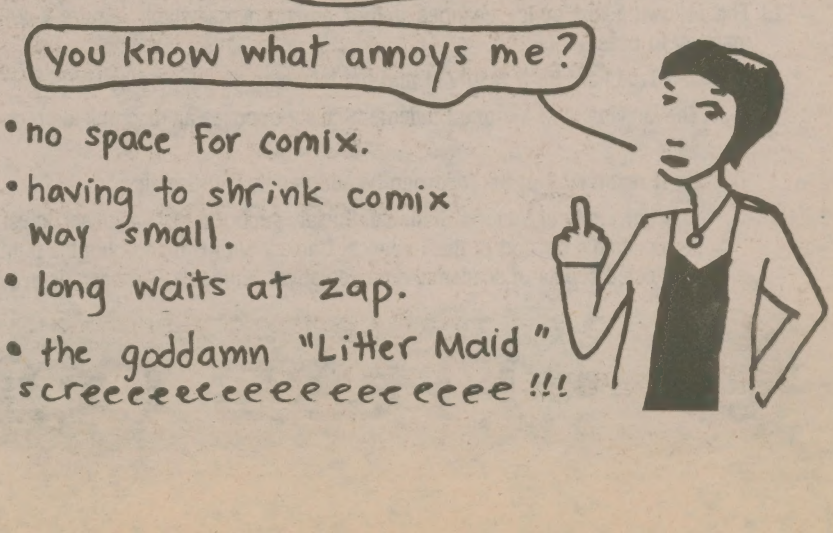
by desireé
A Physics Student's SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER
BOY, DO I HAVE SOME WILD STORIES ABOUT MY 20'S WE USED TO PARTY UNTIL THE COPS DROVE US HOME!
WHAT AM I DOING WASTING MY 20'S ON SLEEP?.... AND PHYSICS?
SATURDAY #1
LINE UP THE SHOTS, I'M READY FOR
DON'T STOP ME NOW, I'M ON A ROLL!!
SNOOTCH
ME
SATURDAY #2
BY THE WAY, THIS IS ME
SATURDAY #3
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO GET MY FAT ASS OFF THIS COUCH
My mother is a CRACK WHORE
HEY MEGHAN, THE USUAL?
BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO
OOOOOOH! 'NAVY SEALS'!
IN BED BEFORE 10:30, JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT
BACKSTREET BOYS




you know what annoys me?
• no space for comix.
• having to shrink comix way small.
• long waits at zap.
• the goddamn "Litter Maid" screeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!!!

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA STUDENTS' SOCIETY

• SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING •

UVSS

• AGENDA •

UVSS

Thursday, February 12, 1998 - 1:00 pm

Cinecenta, Student Union Building

This is Your opportunity to help set the direction and goals of your Students' Society for the upcoming year

1. Call to Order

2. Ratification of Speaker

2. Review of Robert's Rules of Order

4. Adoption of Agenda

5. Introduction of the Board of Directors

6. Question Period

Question period shall be limited to 15 (fifteen) minutes.

7. Review of the 1997/98 UVSS budget

8. Special Resolutions Which Have Received Due Notice:

a) The following constitutional additions and/or amendments require a 3/4 (three quarter) majority to pass.

i) **Be it resolved that** Bylaw Twenty-Four, Article One, be amended as follows:

h. The Education and Social Justice Committee which shall function according to the terms of reference of the Education and Social Justice Committee.

ii) **Be it resolved that** Bylaw Twenty Four, Article One, be amended to add:

k. The SUB Green Committee, which shall function according the Terms of Reference of the SUB Green Committee.

l. The Health Plan Appeals Committee which shall function according to the terms of reference of the Health Plan Appeals Committee.

iii) **Be it resolved that** Bylaw Six, Article One, be amended to read:

Constituency Organisation Representatives shall be elected at a general meeting of their respective constituency organisation as per the constitution of that constituency organisation.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw Eighteen, Article Three, be amended to read:

a. Constituency Organisations shall have the right to elect a representative to the Students' Society Board of Directors at a general meeting of the respective constituency organisation as per their respective constitutions.

iv) **Be it resolved that** Bylaw Eighteen, Section 2 be amended to read:

b. The following shall be considered constituency organisations:

i. the Women's Centre

ii. the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance

iii. the Society for Students with a Disability

iv. the Students of Colour Collective

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 5, Article 1(b) be amended to read:

The following directors elected by their respective constituency organisations:

i. Women's Centre Representative

ii. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance Representative

iii. Society for Students with a Disability Representative

iv. Students of Colour Collective Representative

Be it further resolved that Bylaw Twenty-Two be added:

Bylaw Twenty-Two - Students of Colour Collective

1. The name of the organisation is the Students of Colour Collective of the University of Victoria Students' Society, hereafter referred to as the Students of Colour Collective.

2. Membership in the Students of Colour Collective

Membership in the Students of Colour Collective shall be comprised of any person who successfully meets the membership qualifications as set out in the bylaws of the Students of Colour Collective.

b) The following are policy changes and/or amendments which require a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority to pass:

i) moved Trueman/ **Be it resolved that** the following be adopted as UVSS policy:

The University of Victoria Students' Society opposes all discrimination on the basis of age.

ii) **Be it resolved that** the following be adopted as UVSS policy:

The University of Victoria Students' Society supports the Canadian University Faculty Association's boycott of the Technical University of British Columbia until such time as an elected senate of academic representatives, students and peers is in place.

iii) **Be it resolved that** the following be adopted as UVSS policy:

In recognition of students' rights to organise a representative student union and to have dues, duly authorized by the student union, collected and remitted to the student union, the University of Victoria Students' Society supports amending Section 27 (1) of the University Act to clarify that educational institutions will collect and remit to student organisations all student fees duly authorized in accordance with their organisation's constitution.

iv) moved George Pringle/ **Be it resolved that** the following be adopted as UVSS policy as of May 1st, 1998:

Preamble

In April of 1991, students voted for a $15.00 a term fee increase to fund the completion of the SUB, a new Daycare Building, and to establish an Emergency Student Aid Fund. The projects have been completed and in fiscal 2000-01 all outstanding loans will be paid off.

In October of 1993, students voted for an $1.00 a term increase to the Building Fund for some additional improvements to the SUB.

Currently, less than $12.00 of this $16.00 is being used to fulfill the promises agree to in this referendum. This policy will restrict the Society from subsidising the SUB businesses from funds designated by students in a referendum for capital projects and to ensure that the intentionof the students who voted for projects to help students is fulfilled.

Policy

The Society will disignate the $15.00 a term (Student Initiative Project) levy and the $1.00 Building Fund increase as follows:

1) Until the SUB Completion is paid in full in Fiscal Year 2000-01, the Society will allocate $4.00 a term per student to the Emergency Class Fund and the remainder to pay off the loan.

2) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2001-02 the Society will allocate for a period of seven years:

a) a $5.00 per term per student donation to Uvic to help fund the Library Expansion Project,

b) a $5.00 per term per student donation to the Native Student Union to fund the building of a Longhouse/NSU Centre,

c) a $6.00 per term per student donation to the Emergency Class Fund.

In the case that the university prevents one of these projects from occuring, the funds for that specific project shall be used to increase the endowment of the Daniel Jacobs Emergency Student Aid Fund.

vi) moved George Pringle/ **Be it resolved that** the following be adopted as UVSS policy as of May 1st, 1998:

Preamble

Government cutbacks have ravaged our university. All too often students cannot get the classes they need to graduate. It is not going too far to say some departments are in a crisis state. Students can no longer wait for governments or the university to deal with this, we must use our collective resources to help alleviate this crisis.

Policy

The Emergency Class Fund

The Society will establish an endowment fund which the interest from shall be used to fund hire additional instructors in departments with the longest wait lists. The Society shall work with the UVic administration to determine which classes are most needed. The Society will decide which classes shall be funded and the university will be responsible for any hiring procedures.

In Fiscal Years 1998-99, 99-00 and 00-01, 75% of the monies directed into this fund shall be spent in the following year and 25% deposited into an endowment fund. In the seven years following, 50% of the monies directed into this fund shall be spent in the following year and 50% deposited into the endowment fund.

9. Other Business

10. Notice of Motion

Notice of Motions for the next general meeting may be given at this time.

11. Adjournment

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